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BJ's CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS THE INN \$10,000 GRANT TO SUPPORT MAIN SOUP KITCHEN

Hempstead, NY (June 10, 2009) – Following its mission of supporting not-for-profit organizations focusing on the health and well being of children and families located in the communities in which BJ's Wholesale Clubs serve, the foundation awarded The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) a \$10,000 grant for the purchase of food for the Mary Brennan INN, the organization's main soup kitchen, located in Hempstead, NY.

“The number of guests we are serving has increased by 40 percent in the last six months, resulting in an increased need for food and volunteers,” said Cynthia Sucich, Director of Communications for The INN.

“This generous grant will allow us to provide our guests with nutritional meals, while alleviating the strain of finding the resources to do so.”

The Mary Brennan INN serves a five course meal to about 500 people Monday through Friday, while also offering each guest a shower, grocery bags, clean clothing, and more.

BJ's Charitable Foundation

BJ's Charitable Foundation was established with the mission to enrich every community BJ's Wholesale Clubs serve. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that primarily benefit the underprivileged in the area of basic needs (food, self sufficiency and health). Since its first grant in 2005, BJ's Charitable Foundation has given more than \$6.7 million to over 700 deserving organizations. In 2008, BJ's Charitable Foundation and its vendor partners donated more than \$1.7 million to over 150 non-profits including

a \$500,000 donation from the October Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, which was divided among leading comprehensive cancer centers throughout BJ's footprint. The Foundation, with support from its vendors, has granted nearly \$1.2 million through the October Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign since the campaign launch in 2006. For more information about BJ's Charitable Foundation and eligibility and application procedures, please visit, www.bjs.com/charity.

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The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) is a dynamic, not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization working to resolve Long Island's hunger and homelessness issues by providing food, shelter, long-term housing, and supportive services in a dignified and respectful manner to families and individuals seeking assistance. A dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and broad-based community support help The INN to deliver its services through 19 soup kitchens, three homeless shelters, and 25 long-term housing apartments. As one of Long Island's largest private social service agencies, The INN is ranked among the most cost-effective charities in the United States. For more information on The INN please visit www.the-inn.org or call (516) 486-8506.