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“INNLIGHTEN” YOUR MIND & SPIRIT AT THE INNKEEPERS’ BALL

*-The INN’s major fundraising event/dinner dance scheduled for
Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Long Island Marriott -*

Hempstead, NY (April 20, 2010) –The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) will welcome Spring by “INNlightening” fellow Long Islanders about the hunger and homeless crisis on Long Island, at its annual INNkeepers’ Ball on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale.

This year The INN will honor Lisa & Michael Reali of Eagle Sanitation, and Roz & Fred Scheiner of The Jolly Fisherman. There will be a special award presented to "The Seven of Us," an artist committee who works tirelessly on behalf of The INN. This committee is lead by Tracy Arnold Warzer, Norma Brown Hill, Dee Dee Lichtenberg-Scanlan, Erica Popkin, Carla Raben, Louise Sharakan, and Graziella Weber Grassi, who will be recognized for their unique and valuable contributions in the fight against hunger and homelessness on Long Island.

The honorees have all been close friends of The INN for over ten years, and have been generous in their personal support of the organization. They have passionately worked to share The INN's mission with others, and given of their time by graciously providing both hands-on and behind the scenes support to The INN.

“We are thrilled to honor such tremendous supporters and friends of The INN at this year’s INNkeepers’ Ball,” said Rob Kammerer, event co-chair and INN board member. “We are so grateful that so many people have come forth in support of our honorees and the agency.”



Pictured from left to right at the INNkeepers' Ball Kickoff are honorees Michael & Lisa Reali, INN Executive Director Jean Kelly, honorees Erica Popkin, Louise Sharakan, Carla Raben, Tracy Arnold Warzer, Dee Dee Lichtenberg-Scanlan, and event co-chair Rob Kammerer.

The INNkeepers' Ball is an important fundraiser which helps The INN serve the increasing numbers of hungry and homeless Long Islanders. Honorary co-chairs, Paul T. Ousey and Terry E. Scheiner, have been working with the event's committee to engage more support to achieve the agency's challenging goal.

The evening's festivities will include a cocktail hour, formal dinner, silent/live auctions, and raffles. Cocktail hour will commence at 6:00 PM with a formal program promptly following. For information on participation or sponsorships, visit our website www.the-inn.org. For additional information please contact Nora Bealey at (516) 486-8506 ext. 108 or e-mail: nbealey@the-inn.org.

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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 helps 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.

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