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ANNUAL INNKEEPERS' BALL RAISES OVER \$900,000 TO FIGHT HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS ON LONG ISLAND

Hempstead, NY (May 25, 2010) – The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) raised over \$900,000 at its annual INNkeepers' Ball to support their efforts to fight hunger and homelessness on Long Island.

On Thursday, May 6, 2010 at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, over 500 friends and supporters came together to honor Lisa & Michael Reali of Eagle Sanitation, Roz & Fred Scheiner of The Jolly Fisherman, and "The Seven of Us," an artist committee who works tirelessly on behalf of The INN (Tracy Arnold Warzer, Norma Brown Hill, Dee Dee Lichtenberg-Scanlan, Erica Popkin, Carla Raben, Louise Sharakan, and Graziella Weber Grassi) for their dedication to The INN's mission.

The Realis and the Scheiners were presented with the Humanitarian of the Year Award, represented through a silver ladle, acknowledging their contributions to The INN. "The Seven of Us" received a uniquely created Mandala which is representative of the collaboration of talents brought together to help raise money and awareness for The INN through artistry.



Pictured from left to right are honorees Fred & Roz Scheiner, Tracy Arnold Warzer, Erica Popkin, Norma Brown Hill, Graziella Weber Grassi, INN Executive Director Jean Kelly, honorees Dee Dee Lichtenberg-Scanlan, Louise Sharakan, Carla Raben, Lisa & Michael Reali

“The tremendous support we receive from wonderful friends of The INN, like tonight’s honorees, is what makes events like this successful,” said Rob Kammerer, event co-chair and INN board member. “Their devotion to the organization allows us to continue to fight hunger and homelessness and for this, we are grateful.”

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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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