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NEWSDAY AWARDS THE INN \$50,000 GRANT FOR LONG TERM HOUSING PROGRAM

Hempstead, NY (April 12, 2011) – To assist The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) with its mission of serving hungry and homeless Long Islanders, Newsday Charities, a fund of the McCormick Foundation, awarded the organization a grant in the sum of \$50,000 for its Long Term Housing Program on March 29, 2011.

The INN's Long Term Housing Program's goal is to eliminate the causes of hunger and homelessness. It provides families with opportunities and resources to achieve goals of self-sufficiency and independence. The entire family receives case management services to assist them with educational and vocational goals. In 2010, five veterans and 29 families participated in this program, and 98% of the 50 children participating, advanced to the next grade. For the past 20 years the Long Term Housing Program has had a 91% success rate with program graduates achieving economic independence.



(Left to right): Fred Groser, Newsday Publisher; Dale Cole, Newsday Community Affairs Project Manager; Joe Barry, INN Director of Fundraising; Gina Caporaso, INN Long Term Housing Coordinator; Jean Kelly, INN Executive Director; Rob Kammerer, INN Board Member; and Paul Fleishman, Newsday Vice President of Public Affairs

“As the cost of living on Long Island goes up, so does the amount of guests The INN serves on a daily basis,” said Joe Barry, INN Director of Fundraising. “We are grateful to Newsday and its readers for such generous support. We are also extremely proud of the Long Term Housing Program and its impact on each of the participants.”

Newsday Charities and the McCormick Foundation (which matched 50 cents for every dollar donated) distributed over \$1 million this year to local non-profit agencies. Most of this monetary support is made possible by donations from readers who support Newsday Charities' two annual fund-raisers-- Help-A-Family and Kids Campaign.

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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.

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