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ANNUAL INNKEEPERS' BALL TOPS \$1 MILLION TO FIGHT HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS ON LONG ISLAND

Hempstead, NY (May 23, 2011) – The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) raised over \$1 million at its annual INNkeepers' Ball to support their efforts to fight hunger and homelessness on Long Island.

On Thursday, May 12, 2011, at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, 500 friends and supporters came together to honor Roger Bahnik and Alice Culver for their dedication to The INN's mission.

Bahnik and Culver were presented with the Humanitarian of the Year Award, represented through a silver ladle, acknowledging their contributions to The INN.

In recent years Bahnik has become a significant financial supporter of The INN. Culver established the North Fork Community Supper INN, and has served as a leader and volunteer since its founding as The INN's eastern most location in 1997. She has also been a long time financial supporter of the agency.



Pictured from left to right are honorary chair Peter Bheddah; event co-chair Steve Richman; Lori Bahnik; honoree Roger Bahnik; INN Executive Director Jean Kelly; honoree Alice Culver & husband Hal Culver; honorary chair Tim Paisley; and event co-chair & INN board member Rob Kammerer.

“Both Alice and Roger have played a key role in helping The INN to successfully combat hunger and homelessness on Long Island,” said Rob Kammerer, event co-chair and INN board member. “Their unwavering devotion to The INN’s mission, as well as their passion to get others involved, has been critical in the growth of the organization 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 help The INN to deliver its services through 19 soup kitchens, three homeless shelters, 25 long-term housing apartments, and a program for veterans. 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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