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**THE INN RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FROM
NASSAU COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 'WE CARE FUND'**

Hempstead, NY (July 26, 2011) – The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the WE CARE Fund, the charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association and a long time supporter of The INN's programs.

This donation will be used to assist The INN in executing its mission of serving hungry and homeless Long Islander through it's Long Term Housing Program. This program is a life changing experience for families who are homeless, as it provides support and a framework for these families and individuals to become self-sufficient.

“We are truly grateful to have, once again, been chosen for funding by the Nassau County Bar Association's WE CARE Fund,” said Joe Barry, INN Director of Fundraising. “We know that the members of the legal community work very hard to raise funds to donate. In these challenging times, we are appreciative to be selected and are confident that this donation will be used to help formerly homeless families have a bright future.”



Pictured left to right: Joe Barry, INN Director of Fundraising and Tom Bucaria, WE CARE Advisory Board of Nassau County Bar Association member.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of The INN's Long Term Housing Program. With a success rate of 91 percent, the program has been effective in providing a course towards independence, for homeless families, by addressing each individual member of the family unit, including children.

According to the National Center on Family Homelessness, children experiencing homelessness are twice as likely as middle-class children to be expelled or drop out of school. Seventy-five percent of these children under age five have at least one major developmental delay or deviation, and only 25 percent of all children experiencing homelessness will graduate from high school. Children whose families are in the Long Term Housing program have a 98 percent advancing rate in all grade levels.

The WE CARE Fund was founded in 1988 by NCBA past president Stephen Gassman. The organization raises funds throughout the legal community and the local community at large. The money is distributed through charitable grants to improve the quality of life for children, the elderly, and others in need throughout Nassau County. Since 1998, the WE CARE fund has contributed \$57,750 to support The INN.

The INN

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 a Long Term Housing Program consisting of 23 housing units for families and housing for up to seven 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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