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INNKEEPERS' BALL HONORS TOM & HELENE SUOZZI & RAISES RECORD AMOUNT TO FIGHT HUNGER ON LI

Hempstead, NY (May 21, 2012) – The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) held its most successful INNkeepers' Ball yet, raising over \$1.2 million to support its efforts to fight hunger and homelessness on Long Island.

On Thursday, May 10, 2012 at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, over 550 friends and supporters came together to honor Tom and Helene Suozzi for their dedication and support of The INN. This tremendous annual event helps raise awareness and much needed funding toward the largest agency dedicated to serving the swelling numbers of those in our community facing challenges with hunger and homelessness.

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



From left to right: Rob Kammerer, Event Co-Chair and INN Board Member; Jean Kelly, INN Executive Director; Helene & Tom Suozzi; Maureen Nappi, INN Board President; Jay Jacobs, Event Honorary Chair

“Tom and Helene have been generous supporters of The INN for many years, and for this we are so grateful,” said Rob Kammerer, event co-chair and INN board member. “Their strong Long Island presence truly helped to make this event especially successful in providing the funds The INN critically needs in its efforts to fight hunger and homelessness.”

This past year alone, The INN provided over 400,000 meals in our 22 soup kitchen locations, more than 2,500 men, women and children were housed in The INN’s Emergency Shelters and 25 families and 5 veterans were provided housing and supports as they work toward self-sufficiency through The INN’s Long Term Housing Program. This is all accomplished thanks to legions of volunteers and charitable support which enables The INN to efficiently operate with an annual budget of \$5.5 million.

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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 16 soup kitchens in 22 locations, 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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