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**THE INN AWARDED \$75,000 GRANT FROM  
NEWSDAY CHARITIES, A MCCORMICK FOUNDATION FUND  
Grant to support agency's Long-Term Housing program**

Hempstead, NY (February 14, 2017) –The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) is a proud recipient of a \$75,000 grant from Newsday Charities, a McCormick Foundation fund. The Hempstead-based organization, which serves hungry and homeless Long Islanders through a network of soup kitchens and homeless shelters, was awarded the grant to benefit its Long-Term Housing program, which assists formerly homeless families to become economically independent by providing supportive housing and essential services. The INN is honored to share the recognition along with other notable Long Island based nonprofit organizations.

2017 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> year The INN has received this grant. The first was awarded in 2004, and the Long-Term Housing program has been one of the grant recipients each year from 2008-2015.

“The INN is truly grateful to Newsday and the McCormick Foundation for their continued support and commitment to our efforts,” said Kisha Miller, Director of Long-Term Housing for The INN. “The Long Term Housing program provides families and individuals with the opportunity to receive support with education, employment and finances, with the goal to ultimately break the cycle of poverty. This grant gives us the ability to continue this critical program to help prevent homelessness. We are honored to continue this valued relationship.”



Back Row L to R: Edward Bushey, Co-Publisher, Newsday & Paul Fleishman, VP Public Affairs, Newsday  
Front Row L to R: Barbara Davis, Grants Coordinator, The INN, Joanne Robinson, Managing Director, The INN, Kisha Miller, Director of Long Term Housing, The INN, Dale Cole, Community Affairs Project Manager, Newsday & Debby Krenek, Co-Publisher, Newsday

## **ABOUT THE INN**

The mission of The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) is to address the issues of hunger and homelessness on Long Island by providing food, shelter, long-term housing and supportive services in a dignified and respectful manner for those who seek the organization's help.

Founded in 1983 as a single soup kitchen run by a small group of concerned volunteers, The INN, a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization, has grown to deliver its services through 14 soup kitchens in 21 locations, three homeless shelters, and a Long Term Housing Program consisting of 13 housing units for families. Today, more than 5,500 people are fed each week. In January, 2017, The INN celebrated our one year anniversary of our new initiative, the Center for Transformative Change (CTC), a community resource center and clothing boutique with the mission of assisting guests of the Mary Brennan INN soup kitchen by linking them to a host of extended referrals and support services.

A dedicated staff, committed volunteers and broad-based community support help The INN maintain its position 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, please visit [www.the-inn.org](http://www.the-inn.org) or call (516) 486-8506.

## **ABOUT NEWSDAY CHARITIES**

In 2000, *Newsday* expanded its long-term support of helping those in need on Long Island and partnered with the Robert R. McCormick Foundation to establish Newsday Charities, a McCormick Foundation Fund. With the generous support of *Newsday* readers, the general public and corporate donors, grants are made to local qualified nonprofit organizations with programs that concentrate on housing, hunger, child abuse prevention & treatment and child/youth education. All donations are matched at 50 cents on the dollar by the McCormick Foundation. *Newsday* and the Foundation pay all expenses, ensuring that 100 percent of the money raised, plus the match, goes directly to support programs for Long Islanders in need. Since inception, more than \$15 million has been distributed to make appositive impact in the lives of thousands of disadvantaged children and families on Long Island. To learn more about Newsday Charities visit

<http://donate.mccormickfoundation.org/newsdaycharities>

## **ABOUT THE ROBERT R. MCCORMICK FOUNDATION**

Robert R. McCormick Foundation is committed to fostering communities of educated, informed and engaged citizens. Through philanthropic programs, Cantigny Park and museums, the Foundation was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest foundations, with more than \$1.5 billion in assets

The McCormick Foundation's Communities Program continues Col. McCormick's legacy by partnering with media outlets, such as *Newsday*, sports teams and philanthropic organizations across the country, to raise money and provide matching dollars which increase the impact of charitable giving. To learn more about the McCormick Foundation visit [www.McCormickFoundation.org](http://www.McCormickFoundation.org)

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