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OUT TO LUNCH WITH THE INN: ANNUAL EVENT RAISES A RECORD-BREAKING \$180,000 FOR HUNGRY AND HOMELESS LONG ISLANDERS

Hempstead, NY (November 5, 2014) – Nearly 400 friends and supporters of *The INN* (Interfaith Nutrition Network) gathered at the Garden City Hotel on Friday, October 24th to raise money and awareness for the organization, which serves over 300,000 hungry and homeless Long Islanders every year. This year, the annual INN luncheon raised \$180,000, surpassing its record-breaking amount of \$110,000 in 2013.

Garden City contractor Michael Ambrosino, President of Ambrosino Consultant Corporation was honored this year for his dedication to The INN and philanthropic spirit. He most recently lent his expertise, business subcontractors, labor, materials and time to the complete kitchen renovation for The INN's temporary housing shelter for families, the Rosa Parks INN. He attended the event with his family and a slew of supporters who promised their dedication to The INN.

"Michael Ambrosino brings an incredible energy and giving spirit to everything he is involved with," said Lisa Arning, event co-chair and INN Board member. "He has been an outstanding partner in this luncheon, and a tremendous addition to The INN's family."



L to R: Honoree Michael Ambrosino, his daughter Nicole, wife Jeanine, son Steven and Jean Kelly, Executive Director of 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 23 housing units for families and housing for up to seven veterans. Today, more than 5,000 people are fed each week.

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 or call (516) 486-8506.

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