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## MEDIA ALERT

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### **Family Gift to Homeless Shelter Keeps Brother's Memory Alive. Generous Contractor Steps in to Complete the Job**

Arkind Family and Ambrosino Construction Corporation  
donate funds, labor and materials for a new kitchen at the Rosa Parks INN

Marc and Elyse Arkind, donated \$25,000 to The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) in memory of Mark's brother Alex Porten. Their gift was directed towards the renovation of the kitchen of the Rosa Parks INN (RPI). RPI is one of two emergency homeless shelters for families operated by the local non-profit organization. To complete the full renovation, Michael Ambrosino, owner of Ambrosino Construction Corporation, is heading up the efforts and has donated labor and materials to this project.

Alex Porten died in June 2011. He was a poet and photographer and loved to cook. He specified in his will that he wanted a legacy gift to go to an organization that helped people get through tough times, specifically hunger and homelessness. The Arkind Family chose The INN, believing the work of The INN would be a lasting tribute while helping those in the local community.

The project began on June 25, 2014 and is scheduled to be completed on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

- Before photos as well as photos of the kitchen in progress are currently available.
- Upon completion of the project on or around 7/25, After photos will be made available.



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the Arkind Family and Michael Ambrosino are available.

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