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**THE INN RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT FROM
NASSAU COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ‘WE CARE FUND’**

Hempstead, NY (December XX, 2012) – The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) has been awarded a \$20,000 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.

“In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, in addition to trying economic times 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. “This year, the legal community has doubled its contribution from last year, allowing us to assist even more formerly homeless families to have a bright future.”



Pictured left to right: Joe Barry, INN Director of Fundraising & Joy M. Watson, WE CARE Advisory Board Member

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

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 \$104,325 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 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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