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**MERCY INN - LI'S LONGEST SERVING SOUP KITCHEN
TO CELEBRATE ITS REOPENING**

Wyandanch, NY (Feb. 28, 2013) – Soups on, once again, for the Mercy INN, LI's longest-serving soup kitchen. The facility is set to celebrate its reopening on March 16, 2013, and open its doors to guests on March 18, 2013, after being closed for eight months due to major renovations.

The Mercy INN, located at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Wyandanch, has been serving a hot nutritious meal to 80-100 guests daily (Monday through Friday).

“Over three decades of continual use in any facility results in the need for renovations; and the Mercy INN is no exception,” said Christian Aguilera, INN Director of Facilities. “We are excited to reopen the doors of this location in order to better serve the local community.”

The Mercy INN is run by a group of committed volunteers, including members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, who are dedicated to executing The INN's mission of serving those who are hungry & homeless on Long Island.

“What has been accomplished by The Mercy INN in the recent refurbishment of the basement of Trinity Lutheran Church has been truly amazing,” said Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn, Interim Pastor of the church. “Due to years of wear and tear, the entire facility had to be completely gutted and has been beautifully restored.”

Funding for renovations was provided through the generous contributions of individuals, churches and organizations from the local community.

“Amazing things are happening in Wyandanch,” said Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn.

The community is invited to the Grand Reopening Celebration on Saturday, March 16th beginning at 2 PM. The Mercy INN is located in the basement of Trinity Lutheran Church (17 South 20th Street in Wyandanch).

The Mercy INN is a network soup kitchen of The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network). For more information on the Mercy INN, please visit www.mercyinn.org.

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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