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**RECORD-BREAKING INNKEEPERS' BALL FOR THE INN
event raises over \$1.3 million
to fight hunger and homelessness on Long Island**

Hempstead, NY (May 17, 2016) –The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network) welcomed 600 supporters to its largest annual fundraiser, The INNkeepers' Ball, raising over \$1.3 million to support its programs that serve the hungry and homeless population of Long Island. The event, which was held just a few weeks after the 33rd anniversary of the Hempstead-based organization, featured the inclusion of mobile bidding for the silent auction, and special guest auctioneers during the live auction, Carol Silva and Erin Colton of News 12 Long Island.

This year, the sold-out affair was held on May 5th at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale. Honorary chairs Al Gherlone and Vince Striano, together with the event committee bestowed the 2016 Humanitarian of the Year Award to Constance M. Cincotta - Glenwood Mason Supply Company, Inc., and Jeffrey D. Forchelli, Founder and Managing Partner of Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo & Terrano LLP. Cincotta, Owner and President of Glenwood Mason Supply, accepted the award with 60 of her staff on stage. Both Cincotta and Forchelli are both long-time friends and supporters of The INN.

"We were thrilled to honor Connie Cincotta and Jeff Forchelli, who are both exemplary leaders in the community and fully dedicated to The INN's goal of serving those who are less fortunate," said Rob Kammerer, INN Board Member and Co-Chair of the event. "Their dedication to our mission has assisted The INN in not only providing necessary funding, but also in raising community awareness and the means to expand needed services."



**L to R: Honoree Constance M. Cincotta, INN Executive Director Jean Kelly,
and honoree Jeffrey D. Forcelli**

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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 20 housing units for families and housing for up to seven veterans. Currently, more than 5,500 meals are served 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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