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2016 INNkeepers' Ball Kick-Off

Hempstead, NY (January 26, 2016) – A kick-off reception was recently held in preparation for the May 5, 2016 *INNkeepers' Ball*. The 2016 honorees were introduced.

Peter Curry, The INN Board President, welcomed those in attendance and then introduced The INN's Executive Director, Jean Kelly. Jean spoke about the importance of the Ball to The INN as its major fundraising activity for the year.

Before the introduction of the honorees, the year's Honorary Co-Chairs were introduced: Al Gherlone and Vince Striano. They were followed by the 2016 honorees: Jeffrey D. Forchelli, Glenwood Mason Supply and Constance M. Cincotta. Both spoke passionately about their support for The INN's mission.

All of the funds raised at the *INNkeepers' Ball* go to The INN's mission of providing food and shelter to people in need in over 35 Long Island communities. Since its founding in 1983, INN volunteers and staff have served eleven million meals and provided shelter to over 15,000 people.

If you would like information on the Ball, please call Rob Kammerer at 516-732-6009.



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Pictured l to r: Rob Kammerer, Ball Co-Chair; Jean Kelly, The INN Executive Director; Jeffrey D. Forchelli and Constance M. Cincotta, 2016 Honorees; Peter Curry, The INN Board President; and Steve Richman, Ball Co-Chair.

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 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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