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ISLAND FEDERAL DONATES OVER 1,000 LBS. OF FOOD TO LONG ISLAND CARES THROUGH ANNUAL “THANKFUL THURSDAYS” FOOD DRIVE

HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK, November 2021 –Island Federal Credit Union (Island Federal) delivered more than 1,000 pounds of food and paper goods as well as over \$1,500 in cash donations to Long Island Cares – the Harry Chapin Food Bank as part of the credit union’s annual “Thankful Thursdays” fall food drive.

According to Long Island Cares, over 300,000 Long Islanders receive emergency food each year. Of those, 39% are children under 18 years old. Long Island Cares also provides dedicated outreach to seniors and veterans. The impact of the pandemic increased the number of Long Islanders who are food insecure.

“We are proud to say that this year marks the 13th consecutive year that Island Federal held food drives in support of Long Island Cares and their initiatives to address the problem of hunger in our region,” said Island Federal President/CEO Bret W. Sears. “Once again, we reached out to our Members, employees and the community to donate non-perishable food or cash donations at our Long Island branches to assist the regional food bank in helping those in need this holiday season.”

William Gonyou, Food Drive Manager at Long Island Cares replies, “Having the ability to partner with Island Federal has been a great experience and benefit to the people Long Island Cares serves. We are so very grateful to Bret, his team and most importantly the Island Members that help us in our mission to provide emergency food and supplies when and where it is needed,” he continued.

About Island Federal Credit Union

Island Federal Credit Union (Island Federal), headquartered in Hauppauge, N.Y., is a not-for-profit, full-service financial institution, providing affordable banking products and services to Long Islanders. Founded in 1955, Island has grown to be among the top performing credit unions in New York State with \$1.6 billion in assets, serving nearly 50,000 Members. Island’s successful track record can be attributed to consistently delivering the best rates, no hidden fees, and exceptional service to its Members. When banking at Island, Members have access to a complete menu of loan and deposit products, including Simply Free Checking accounts, Certificate accounts, IRAs, Auto loans, Mortgage, Home Equity loans and lines, a Credit Mastercard® and Student Choice College loans. For anytime access, Island offers free 24/7/365 customer service, online banking, bill payer, and mobile banking services. In 2014, Island

announced a 10-year, multi-faceted partnership with Stony Brook University that included naming rights of the Island Federal Credit Union Arena, sponsorship of the Stony Brook Film Festival, support of the Long Island State Veterans Home and Stony Brook Children's Hospital as well as providing two branches and more than 14 ATMs on the Stony Brook University campus. In 2018, Island Federal merged with Bay Ridge Federal Credit Union, adding a branch in Brooklyn. In addition to the Stony Brook University and Brooklyn locations, Island operates eight full-service branches located on Long Island, in Bellmore, East Setauket, Hauppauge, Hicksville, Massapequa, Riverhead, Sayville, and Selden. Island Members can also access their Island accounts at more than 5,600 shared credit union branches throughout the country, and over 110,000 surcharge-free ATM networks worldwide. For more information about Island, stop by any branch, visit their website, islandfcu.com, or call (631) 851-1100

About Long Island Cares

Founded by the late Harry Chapin, Long Island Cares brings together all available resources for the benefit of the hungry and food insecure on Long Island and, to the best of our ability, provides for the humanitarian needs of our community. Our goals are to improve food security for families, sponsor programs that help families achieve self-sufficiency, and educate the public about the causes and consequences of hunger on Long Island. Our vision is A Hunger Free Long Island.

