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Kirk Kordeleski, President & CEO, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, Honored During South Nassau Communities Hospital 2011 Carnation Ball

Bethpage, New York – November 7, 2011 – Kirk Kordeleski, President and CEO, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, was honored by South Nassau Communities Hospital during its 2011 Carnation Ball held November 5th at the Cradle of Aviation. Located in Oceanside, NY, South Nassau is recognized as one of the premiere hospitals in the New York metro area and has been named one of the "100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare" in the United States.

Kordeleski was recognized for his business leadership and strong support of Long Island's communities, educational institutions, and not-for-profit organizations, including health and humanitarian services organizations.

"Kirk Kordeleski is well known to all Long Islanders for his valued counsel and commitment to our region," said South Nassau President & CEO Joseph A. Quagliata in his introductory remarks. "His support and commitment have been invaluable to South Nassau's growth and expansion to fulfill its mission to provide high-quality healthcare services."

In addition to serving as First Vice Chair of the Long Island Association (LIA) and the LIA Executive Committee, Kirk Kordeleski serves on Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano's Business/Economic Development Group, sits on the Council of Advisors for the Community Development Corporation of Long Island, and the Council of Overseers for the Tilles Center.

"I am honored to represent Bethpage tonight in our support of this important community hospital in its fight against cancer." said Kordeleski.

Proceeds from the 2011 Carnation Ball benefit South Nassau's Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center. The Center is a recipient of many prestigious honors and citations, including the American College of Surgeons Comprehensive Community Cancer Center and the Commission on Cancer Outstanding Achievement Award. In addition, it is the only program on Long Island equipped with the state-of-the-art cancer technology combination of Varian Novalis Tx™, da Vinci® Si Surgical System and Gamma Knife®.

Heading up Long Island's leading community financial institution, Kordeleski's main focus for Bethpage is the consumer retail mid-market, including serving the many underserved communities on Long Island. In 2010, Bethpage opened four new branch locations including a Roosevelt branch, which marked the first time a major financial institution launched in this underserved community in more than 20 years. Now in its 8th year, Kordeleski maintains Bethpage's annual Volunteer Tax Assistance Program (VITA), offering free tax return assistance for low to moderate-income households at 10 branch locations each year, including Roosevelt and Hempstead.

Since taking the helm at Bethpage in 2000, Kordeleski has served and continues to serve on the Boards of many important nonprofit institutions, including the Long Island Arts Alliance and as Chairman of the board of Directors of Project GRAD Long Island.

He has been honored by institutions and organizations for his regional leadership, including YMCA of Long Island, Adelphi University, United Way, Education and Assistance Corp., The Mentoring Partnership of Long Island, and Promote Long Island, among others. He is the recipient of the 2011 John O'Neill Humanitarian Award. In addition to Bethpage consistently named the "Best of Long Island" among credit unions, Kirk has been named for four years running as one of Long Island Business News' *Top 100 Most Influential Long Islanders*.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative, existing solely to serve its members and has experienced rapid growth in recent years to become a strong alternative to banks. Bethpage was approved for the largest federal community charter in the U.S. in 2003 and now is Long Island's largest credit union and leading community financial institution with over 190,000 members, 24 branches and 60 shared service center locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. As a financial cooperative, Bethpage offers better rates, lower fees and a full menu of personal and commercial financial services.

Bethpage maintains branch locations in Bay Shore, Bay Shore King Kullen, Bethpage, Central Islip, Commack King Kullen, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown King Kullen, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, Mineola, North Babylon, Port Jefferson, Riverhead, Seaford, Smithtown, Roosevelt and Westbury with over 350 surcharge-free ATMs in King Kullen, 7-Eleven, Walgreens and Costco locations throughout Long Island. For more information, call 1-800-628-7070 or visit www.lovebethpage.com.

South Nassau Communities Hospital is one of the region's largest hospitals, with 435 beds, more than 900 physicians and 2,900 employees. Located in Oceanside, NY, the hospital is an acute-care, not-for-profit teaching hospital that provides state-of-the-art care in cardiac, oncologic, orthopedic, bariatric, pain management, mental health and emergency services. In addition to its extensive outpatient specialty centers, South Nassau provides emergency and elective angioplasty and is the only hospital on Long Island with the Novalis Tx™ and Gamma Knife® radiosurgery technologies. South Nassau is a designated Stroke Center by the New York State Department of Health and Comprehensive Community Cancer Center by the American College of Surgeons and is recognized as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. For more information, visit www.southnassau.org.

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