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**BETHPAGE PARTNERS WITH SPLASHES OF HOPE TO HELP BRIGHTEN THE LIVES OF
ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN**

**Heart of Bethpage Volunteers Help Transform Coalition Against Child Abuse and
Neglect Meeting Rooms and Hallways Into More
Calm and Comforting Surroundings**

Bethpage, NY – September 15, 2011 – The Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) has helped thousands of children who are the victims of abuse and neglect heal and become empowered each year. That is why Bethpage Federal Credit Union recently partnered with Splashes for Hope, a non-profit organization of artists who paint comforting scenes for patients and clients in hospitals, healthcare and social service facilities, to help transform the Coalition’s Child Advocacy Center into a more calming and comforting surrounding.

“Child victims of abuse and neglect are understandably very frightened and upset when first visiting CCAN. Anything that can be done to help alleviate their worry, even something as simple as creating calmer, more soothing surroundings, is valuable,” said Linda Army, Senior Vice President, Bethpage Federal Credit Union. “Splashes of Hope is a commendable organization that works tirelessly to help brighten the lives of suffering children, and does it one mural at a time.”

The Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect is a child abuse prevention and victim advocacy center that advocates for enhanced prevention, intervention and treatment services for abused and neglected children. Together with Splashes of Hope volunteer artists, Bethpage volunteers helped transform the center into a comforting retreat complete with calming sky scenes and cheerful jungle views.

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“Splashes of Hope murals have brought smiles and joy to thousands of children and their families in hospitals and health care facilities around the world,” said Heather Buggee, Founder and Executive Director, Splashes of Hope. “We are thrilled to partner with Bethpage on this effort for CCAN, a commendable Long Island organization which has helped so many children and their families.”

“The Coalition against Child Abuse and Neglect not only focuses on protecting children, but also provides a safe place for them. The new murals that Bethpage and Splashes of Hope have given us are a priceless addition to our center,” said Cynthia G. Scott, CCAN Executive Director. “We are thankful to the volunteers for all of their hard work!”

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 180,000 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, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Islandia King Kullen, Levittown, 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, Walgreen's and Costco locations throughout Long Island. For more information, call 1-800-628-7070 or visit www.lovebethpage.com.

For more information or to get involved with Splashes of Hope or The Coalition against Child Abuse and Neglect, please visit www.splashesofhope.org or www.ccanli.org .

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