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4th Annual Bethpage Turkey Drive Expands to Support Hurricane Sandy Victims

**Bethpage “Turkey, Emergency Food & Relief” Drive to Take Place
Friday, November 16, 7 AM – 6 PM**

Frozen Turkeys, Shelf Stable Easy-to-Open Food Items, Cleaning Supplies and Diapers Needed!

*Bethpage, Cablevision, NY Islanders, and Connoisseur Media Partner to Help Record Number of Long
Island Families in Need*

Bethpage, NY – November 8, 2012 – The 4th Annual Bethpage Turkey Drive to benefit Island Harvest this year will expand to support Hurricane Sandy victims by asking those Long Islanders who were not severely affected by the hurricane to help support their Long Island neighbors in need and make a donation to Island Harvest, Long Island’s largest hunger relief organization. In addition to frozen turkeys, Bethpage and Island Harvest are requesting easy-to-open shelf stable food items, cleaning supplies and baby items such as diapers. The Bethpage “Turkey, Emergency Food & Relief Drive” will take place on Friday, November 16, 2012 from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM – rain or shine - outside of Bethpage’s main branch located at 899 South Oyster Bay Road in Bethpage.

Also, from November 9 – November 30, 2012, Nassau and Suffolk County residents unable to travel to Bethpage’s main branch on November 16th, are encouraged to drop off all non-perishable donations to any of Bethpage’s 26 branch locations.

“Bethpage is working closely with key Long Island agencies to help provide much needed support to our local communities through several disaster relief efforts, and that includes our work with Island Harvest,” said Linda Armyn, Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy, Bethpage. “Each year the annual Bethpage Turkey Drive has brought communities together in an island-wide

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effort to help local families in need and this year, support is crucial. Thank you to all of our partners, who have come to assist in this effort - Cablevision, NY Islanders and Connoisseur Media."

"During this difficult time Island Harvest quickly jumped into emergency relief mode, while still continuing to support the general Long Island community, as we have done for years," said Randi Shubin Dresner, president and CEO, Island Harvest. "With this, the annual Bethpage Turkey Drive will go on with the dual efforts of supporting those devastated by the hurricane, as well as those families that continue to experience hunger, right here on Long Island."

Even prior to Hurricane Sandy hitting Long Island, 2012 marked a record-breaking year for the number of Long Island families in need. Since 2009, Island Harvest has seen a 161 percent increase in the requests for food and support services with about 65,000 individuals receiving emergency food assistance from the Island Harvest network each week. Now, following Hurricane Sandy, the numbers are unprecedented.

Since the first Bethpage Turkey Drive was organized in 2009, hundreds of Long Island residents and volunteers have come out to assist in the collection of over 10,000 turkeys and 26,000 pounds of food, which were then provided to Long Island's many families in need in time for the holidays.

"With so many people in need after this devastating storm, it's important that we come together as a community to support our neighbors in need and offer them some relief," said Lisa Trimarchi, Vice President of Employee Services, Cablevision Systems Corporation. "Cablevision's roots are right here on Long Island, and we are pleased to join with Bethpage again this year to help address the many challenges affecting the communities we serve."

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