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**BETHPAGE CELEBRATES MILESTONE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BETHPAGE TURKEY DRIVE BENEFITTING ISLAND HARVEST**

**The Credit Union Encourages Community Residents to Continue its Great Support
-Drive-Through Donation Process Set Up for Convenience-**

**The 10th Anniversary Bethpage Turkey Drive Will Take Place on
Friday, November 16**

Bethpage, NY – October 16, 2018 - The Bethpage Turkey Drive benefitting Island Harvest Food Bank, which has grown to become the largest food drive event on Long Island, is celebrating a milestone this year. For 10 years Bethpage has encouraged Long Islanders to support one another during the holidays, a time when community residents experiencing food insecurity, just like their neighbors, deserve to enjoy a holiday meal with family and friends.

“Long Island is home to many charitable people and organizations. When our neighbors express a need, we support and assist them as best we can,” said Linda Armyn, Senior Vice President, Bethpage Federal Credit Union. “Bethpage is pleased to head up this vital yearly initiative for Island Harvest for the past 10 years. Island Harvest is a devoted organization, which with the help of the community, supports 70,000 households per month. I am confident that this year’s anniversary turkey drive will be our best one yet.”

The 10th Anniversary Bethpage Turkey Drive will take place on Friday, November 16, 2018 from 7 AM to 6:30 PM at [Bethpage Federal Credit Union’s](#) headquarters, located at 899 South Oyster Bay Road in Bethpage.

Long Islanders are asked to drop off frozen turkeys, non-perishable food items (except those in glass containers), supermarket gift cards or cash donations. These donations will go directly to [Island Harvest Food Bank](#) which will then help supply Thanksgiving holiday meals to the more than 300,000 food-insecure Long Islanders through its distribution network of 500 food pantries, soup kitchens and other feeding programs on Long Island.

“Most unique to the Bethpage Food Drive is that donors don’t have to get out of their cars to make a donation. Instead, we create a donation drive-through where an army of enthusiastic volunteers greet donors in their cars to collect the food,” shared Ardyn.

“Each year, Bethpage Federal Credit Union hosts one of Island Harvest’s most important fundraising efforts, the Bethpage Turkey Drive. On this day alone, more food donations are made to Island Harvest than any other single day of the year,” said Randi Shubin Dresner, president and CEO, Island Harvest Food Bank. “Bethpage’s dedication over the last ten years has been far-reaching and has not gone unnoticed by thousands of grateful food recipients.”

For those unable to travel to Bethpage’s main branch on November 16, Nassau and Suffolk County residents can visit any of Bethpage’s 34 branch locations to drop off any monetary donations you may have. For a complete list of Bethpage branches, go to www.lovebethpage.com.

Since the first Bethpage Turkey Drive was organized in 2009, hundreds of community volunteers have come out to assist in the collection of more than 30,000 turkeys and more than 109,000 pounds of food which were then provided to Long Island families facing hardship in time for the holidays. Last year, 2,560 turkeys were donated and over 9,000 pounds of food. Island Harvest Food Bank has seen an increase in the requests for food and support services among more than 450 community-based agencies it serves. About 70,000 individuals receive food assistance from the Island Harvest Food Bank network each week.

In addition to Bethpage Federal Credit Union, this year’s sponsors include News 12 Long Island, PSEG Long Island, TGIF Entertainment, Fusion Productions and Panera Bread.

About Island Harvest Food Bank

[Island Harvest Food Bank](#) is a leading hunger-relief organization that provides food and other resources to people in need. Always treating those it helps with dignity and respect, its goal is to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island through efficient food collection and distribution; enhanced hunger-awareness and nutrition-education programs; job training; and direct services targeted at children, senior citizens, veterans, and others at risk of food insecurity. As a result of Island Harvest Food Bank’s dynamic business model, more than 94 percent of expended resources go directly to programs and services that support more than 300,000 Long Islanders facing hunger. Island Harvest Food Bank is a lead agency in the region’s emergency response preparedness for food and product distribution and is a

member of [Feeding America](#)[®], the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief organization. For five consecutive years, Island Harvest Food Bank has earned a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, a leading independent charity watchdog organization. Island Harvest Food Bank is among just 9% of the organizations rated by Charity Navigator to merit the four-star designation. More information about Island Harvest Food Bank is at www.islandharvest.org.

About Bethpage Federal Credit Union

Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a premier financial institution committed to enriching the lives of its members, employees and the communities it serves for over 75 years. Bethpage is the largest credit union in the Northeast region, as well as 16th largest in the nation. Voted Money Magazine's Best Place to Bank in New York for 2018, Bethpage is a federally chartered credit union, available to people nationwide who open a \$5 dollar membership account. Bethpage offers a robust digital platform that allows members to bank with us from anywhere. Bethpage is a part of the national CO-OP network that gives members access to their accounts at over 30,000 free ATMs and 5,000+ shared branches across the U.S. As a financial cooperative, Bethpage offers the best-in market rates, lowest fees and world-class service, plus a full menu of personal and commercial financial services. For more information on Bethpage's robust portfolio of banking, borrowing, and investment services, visit www.lovebethpage.com or call [1-800- 628-7070](tel:1-800-628-7070).

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