

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For media inquiries: Ron Gold

President/CEO

Marketing Works PR

ron@marketingworkspr.com

516.297.1637

“THANKFUL THURSDAYS” FOOD DRIVE, OCT. 19 – NOV. 16, SPONSORED BY ISLAND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, WILL SUPPORT LONG ISLAND CARES

HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK, October 1, 2017 – Island Federal Credit Union (Island) will collect donations of non-perishable food on Thursdays from October 19 through November 16 to support Long Island Cares – The Harry Chapin Food Bank.

The food drive will help Long Island’s regional food bank provide for individuals and families who are hungry or food insecure during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

In addition to collecting food at all nine branches, Island Federal Credit Union will also be offering a Paper Soup Can Pin Up for a \$1 donation each. Island branches are located in Hauppauge, Bellmore, Hicksville, Massapequa, Riverhead, Sayville, and Selden.

“An important part of Island’s mission is to support our local communities, and that means assuring that people in need will be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal,” said Island Federal Credit Union President/CEO Bret Sears. “We have partnered with Long Island Cares on several initiatives to address the problem of suburban hunger in our region, and now we ask our members, employees, and the community to be a part of this food drive and really make a difference in someone’s life.”

More than 300,000 Long Islanders struggle with domestic hunger and food insecurity, including 89,000 children. The Island branches will have food collection boxes and material describing some of the most needed foods.

“We’re very grateful to Island Federal Credit Union and all the people who donate to the food drive,” said William Gonyou, Manager of Community Events and Food Drives at Long Island Cares – The Harry Chapin Food Bank. “Thanks to this supportive community event, Long Island Cares will help assure that seniors, children, veterans, and families in need will have a healthy holiday meal this Thanksgiving.”

Long Island Cares mission:

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 general public about the causes and consequences of hunger on Long Island. Our vision is A Hunger Free Long Island.

About Island Federal Credit Union

Island Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Hauppauge, NY, 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 over \$1.3 billion in assets, serving more than 38,000 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, Mortgage, Home Equity loans and lines, a Best Rate and a Best Rewards 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 addition to the Stony Brook University locations, Island operates seven full service branches throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties, located in Bellmore, Hauppauge, Hicksville, Massapequa, Riverhead, Sayville, and Selden. Island members can also access their Island accounts at more than 5,000 shared credit union branches throughout the country, and over 75,000 surcharge-free ATM networks worldwide. For more information about Island, stop by any branch, visit their website, islandfcu.com, or call (631) 851-1100.

###