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### **Jefferson's Ferry Lifecare Retirement Community staff give from the heart this holiday season as they give back to local residents in need.**

Each year at the holidays the more than 200 staff members of Jefferson's Ferry Lifecare Retirement Community have received a small gift from management as a way to show their appreciation for everything they do to make Jefferson's Ferry a wonderful place to live and work. This year, however, they felt that with countless of their fellow Long Islanders out of work and without enough money to put food on the table, they wanted to give back.



“With a problem like hunger being so vast, it’s hard for one person to feel they can make a difference.” said Karen Brannen, President and Chief Executive Officer for Jefferson’s Ferry. With the knowledge that so many fellow Long Islanders have been affected by hard economic times this year, Karen and the senior managers thought, “What would happen if more than two hundred people combined their small contributions into one?” Ms. Brannen explained, “In years past Jefferson’s Ferry has given each staff member movie tickets or some other gift. The cost to purchase the movie tickets is more than \$10,000. We all thought: “That can purchase a lot of food!” So this year, instead of movie tickets, staff gave something much more meaningful, their gift from Jefferson’s Ferry management was given to the Long Island Council of Churches food banks.

The Jefferson’s Ferry Manager of the Year and Employee of the Year joined Chairman of the Board, George Rice and Karen Brannen in presenting a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Rev. Thomas W. Goodhue, Executive Director of the Long Island Council of Churches on Tuesday, December 20, 2011.

The Long Island Council of Churches works with over 50 public and private health and social service agencies throughout Long Island to provide emergency food, housing, medical assistance, transportation assistance, chaplaincy services, disaster relief, and advocacy for a wide range of social issues including affordable housing, adequate health care, the environment, social, racial and gender equality, anti-poverty and anti-bias programs, prison reform, substance abuse and domestic violence programs. The Long Island Council of Churches is a not-for-profit 501 ©(3). It is governed by a Board of Governors comprised of local clergy, lay denominational representatives, and members of the local business and nonprofit communities.

Jefferson's Ferry opened in 2001 and is celebrating its tenth anniversary serving adults age 62 and better in an active retirement setting with the security of on-site short-or long-term assisted living or nursing care. Jefferson's Ferry offers 248 studio, one and two bedroom apartment and cottage style residences, community center with two restaurants, indoor swimming pool and spa, library, theatre, group activity spaces, as well as outdoor walking paths, putting green, bocci court and garden areas.

Event date: Tuesday, December 20. 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Jefferson's Ferry community center

One Jefferson Ferry Drive

South Setauket, NY 11720