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**Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame Announces
Installation of Bench Honoring Harry Chapin
at Bethpage State Park
Friday, August 4, 2006 10:00 AM**

Media Invited - Photo and Interview Opportunity

On Friday August 4th, 2006 the installation of the first bench commemorating inductees into the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame will take place at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, New York. Invited guests include representatives of NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Long Island Cares, Inc. – The Harry Chapin Food Bank, Long Island Volunteer Center, and member agencies of the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame initiative.

The first bench will honor 2003 posthumous inductee, Harry Chapin, founder of Long Island Cares, Inc. – The Harry Chapin Food Bank. ***The installation ceremony will take place at 10:00 am, at the first tee of the Green Course, adjacent to the clubhouse.*** The pastoral setting of the bench site offers panoramic views of the Park.

A brief reception for attendees will follow in the clubhouse. All program participants will be available for interviews.

Working closely with New York State Parks Commissioner, Bernadette Castro, the ***Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame*** was given a permanent home at Bethpage State Park (host of the U.S. Open in 2002 and 2009). To commemorate inductees, benches with inscribed plaques will be installed at the Carlyle on the Green clubhouse grounds and golf course tees on the Blue, Green and Yellow courses.

About Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame

Growing out of the United Nations International Year of the Volunteers 2001, the Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame (now in its 5th year) celebrates the humanitarian spirit by inducting volunteer founders of nonprofit organizations whose vision, dedication and drive addressed a community need and began a legacy of service to improve the quality of life for Long Islanders. A special award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism is also presented to a unique individual who has made a significant impact on the lives of others through a lifetime commitment of active citizenship, community service, and philanthropy. An independent panel of judges, including community leaders in the nonprofit, business, academia, media, and public service sectors, selects the inductees.

54 individuals have been inducted since inception. Nomination forms, due September 15, 2006, can be obtained by contacting the Long Island Volunteer Center at (516) 564-5482 or by accessing www.livolunteerhalloffame.org. The Long Island Volunteer Hall of Fame induction ceremony and reception to honor 2006 inductees will be held on February 4, 2007 at the Carlyle on the Green.

About Harry Chapin

Award winning singer, song-writer, poet, film-maker, playwright, advocate for the arts, delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Convention, winner of the Congressional Gold Medal, and quintessential community activist, Harry Chapin was born into a family of painters, writers, teachers, and musicians on December 7, 1942. His tragic car accident on July 16, 1981 left all the possibilities and questions about his personal impact on the world unanswered. However, Harry's legacy, Long Island Cares, Inc. - The Harry Chapin Food Bank, continues to address a cause that was influenced by a 1967 documentary he created on Ethiopian famine for the World Bank. The indelible mark of that experience helped define his passion and his work. Harry's close friendship with Bill Ayres influenced his decision to form World Hunger Year in the mid-70's. Most of the organization's earlier efforts were geared toward lobbying Washington and planning the first Live-Aid oriented concerts across the country to benefit hunger-relief efforts in the United States and around the world. His wife and partner, Sandy Chapin, continues to accomplish his vision, drive and determination to address the needs of hungry people. Over his career, Harry raised millions of dollars, roughly half of his income, and performed nearly 1000 benefit concerts for causes he believed in.

About Long Island Cares, Inc. - The Harry Chapin Food Bank

The leading anti-hunger and only Long Island food bank, Long Island Cares is a nonprofit organization that responds to the immediate needs of hungry Long Islanders through the provision of emergency food where and when it is needed, sponsors programs that help families achieve self-sufficiency, and educates the general public about the causes and consequences of hunger on Long Island. Long Island Cares is a critical link in getting food to 600 community based agencies in Nassau and Suffolk including food pantries, soup kitchens, senior nutrition sites, day care centers, homeless shelters, Kids Café, community residences, sober homes and day treatment programs. Last year, 4.6 million pounds of food was distributed. For more information, contact (631) 582-FOOD or access www.licares.org.