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Milk Money INNspires Family Foundation

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Hempstead, NY 11/29/16 – Chintu, his wife Falguni and their daughter Kanan Patel recognize that far too many Long Islanders are challenged by hunger and homelessness. This holiday season, they were particularly concerned to learn that though seasonal food donations may be plentiful, milk, one of the best sources of protein is rarely if ever donated, because its perishable and yet it plays a vital role in the daily meal service at The INN (The Interfaith Nutrition Network), a nonprofit hunger relief agency based in Hempstead.

At The INN's main soup kitchen, The Mary Brennan INN, individuals and their families are provided with a full 5-course meal every day. The daily menu must be well balanced and nutritious. The Chintu and Falguni Patel Family Foundation presented The INN with a generous donation to help insure a year's worth of milk and other items like eggs and cheese would be available to those in need. Dorian Stern, Director of Development at The INN, along with The INN's Executive Director, Jean Kelly, offered a tour of the facilities to The Patel Family and they were most impressed not only by the manner by which their services are performed- but also by the dedication of the community of volunteers who assist the staff to insure the agency principles of: dignity, respect and love.

Kanan Patel, who is a student at Friend's Academy in Westbury, along with a fellow classmate, will be extending her family's commitment to the issues of hunger and homelessness, through a six-week internship program at The INN beginning in May 2017.

“My family was honored to be able to assist The INN. Milk is a food staple, something many of us take for granted- and because it is so rarely donated- we wanted to make sure that those who need it- have it readily available to them,” said Falguni Patel.