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**Kirk Kordeleski of Bethpage Federal Credit Union
Honored by United Way of Long Island at Annual Gala**



(Bethpage, NY...June 4, 2009) United Way of Long Island (UWLI) recently honored Sea Cliff resident Kirk Kordeleski, President and CEO of Bethpage Federal Credit Union (Bethpage), at its annual “Evening of Celebration” Gala. The event’s theme was “Working Together During Tough Times” and raised over \$171,000, which will benefit United Way’s Community Impact Fund. An additional \$8,000 was raised for United Way’s YouthBuild Long Island, an educational initiative that provides at-risk young adults with classroom GED instruction and hands-on, advanced vocational training in the construction industry.

Kordeleski was recognized for his dedication and commitment to helping Long Islanders to live better lives, especially during a difficult economic climate – a time during which Long Islanders have been seeking assistance in record numbers.

Kirk Kordeleski is active in the Long Island community, serving as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Long Island Association (LIA) and its Executive Committee, as well as the BODs of the Nassau County Museum of Art, the Long Island Arts Alliance, and Chairman of the BOD of Project GRAD Long Island. He sits on the Council of Advisors for the Community Development Corporation of Long Island. In 2005, Kordeleski took on a leadership role with respect to Workforce Housing – and was appointed Chair of the Next Generation Housing Committee in partnership with the LIA.

Recognized by institutions and organizations for his regional leadership, Kordeleski has been honored by, among others, Adelphi University, Education and Assistance Corp, The Mentoring Partnership of Long Island, and Promote Long Island. Bethpage is consistently named the ‘Best of Long Island’ among credit unions in both regional business papers and for three years running, Kordeleski has been named one of Long Island Business News’ Top 100 Most Influential Long Islanders.

Since Kirk Kordeleski stewardship of Bethpage in 2000, the credit union has tripled in assets and is now a \$3.5 billion financial institution with more than 160,000 members.

PHOTO *Pictured (l to r):* United Way of Long Island (UWLI) Chairman Robert Wild presented Bethpage Federal Credit Union President and CEO Kirk Kordeleski with an award for his dedication and commitment to helping Long Islanders, especially during these difficult economic times. Kordeleski was honored during the UWLI's annual "Evening of Celebration."

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