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CIBS donates \$5,000 to Independent Group Home Living

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Shown (from left) are: CIBS president David Leviton; Shawn Hirst, director for development at Independent Group Home Living Program Inc. and John LaRuffa, CIBS golf outing committee chairman.

Syosset, NY The Commercial Industrial Brokers Society of Long Island (CIBS) donated \$5,000 to Independent Group Home Living Program (IGHL), a Long Island not-for-profit agency that provides lifetime alternatives for people who are developmentally disabled.

The donation was funded by proceeds from the annual CIBS Golf Outing. This year's outing took place on May 29th at the Cold Spring Country Club, in Huntington. The donation, presented on November 7th at the CIBS Annual Meeting at The Fox Hollow, is part of a multi-year commitment by CIBS to provide \$25,000 to IGHL.

“Donations such as this demonstrate CIBS’ commitment to giving back to the community in which our members earn their livelihoods,” said CIBS president David Leviton.

Manorville-based IGHL provides programs, services, and support for people with intellectual disabilities so they can realize their full potential as human beings and contributing members of their community. Its affiliated programs include Angela’s House, which assists families caring for medically frail children living at home with their parents or in special homes that offer 24-hour nursing support; the New Interdisciplinary School, a creative learning center in Yaphank, for children—with and without disabilities—their families, and the community; and Smile Farms at IGHL, a local green house and nursery growing annuals and perennials for sale to the community.

CIBS was formed in 1992 out of the shared belief among the region’s leading brokers that the region needed a unified voice to advocate on behalf of professionalism, ethics and industry cohesion. Today, CIBS is a leading voice and advocate for commercial development in the Long Island market. Since its formation, CIBS has helped upgrade the industry by offering hundreds of educational programs, seminars and presentations; advocated professional standards and offered grievance resolution; provided informal mentoring relationships; raised tens of thousands of dollars for local charities; and created social settings in which colleagues have become friends, and

competitors respected peers. For information about the Commercial Industrial Broker's Society of Long Island, visit www.CIBS-LI.com or contact Christine at cmajid@cibs-li.com or call (516) 393-5820.

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