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## **Christie Administration Awards \$350,000 Grant to the Salt and Light Company During Season of Service**

**Mt. Holly, NJ** – As part of the Christie Administration’s Season of Service initiative, New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins joined representatives from The Salt and Light Company, a non-profit organization serving Burlington County, to announce a \$350,000 grant for the organization to purchase and renovate a property that will be used as a 10-unit transitional housing facility.

The property, located at 209-211 Garden Street in Mt. Holly, will be renovated by the Salt and Light Company to provide transitional housing for up to 25 single women or mothers with small children. Their property will be renovated into 10 separate dwelling units; eight 1-bedroom apartments and two efficiencies.

“This grant funding will enable the Salt and Light Company and its partner companies to continue to make a difference in this community,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. “The Governor’s Season of Service provides an opportunity for us to highlight the great work of organizations like this, whose purpose is to serve and positively impact the lives of lower income families in southern New Jersey.

The award announced today is part of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs’ (DCA) Shelter Support Grant Program. The DCA recently awarded \$4.03 million in Shelter Support grants to 28 nonprofit and local government agencies operating emergency homeless shelters and transitional housing facilities in New Jersey. These grants will be used to create new emergency shelter beds, abate code violations, address life safety issues in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities, support existing shelter beds, and purchase equipment, furnishings and vans, resulting in improved living conditions for homeless individuals, victims of domestic violence and military veterans.

It is estimated that the shelters and transitional housing facilities receiving Shelter Support grants will assist more than 3,000 households over the next year.

The Salt and Light Company, Inc. is a subsidiary of The Affordable Homes Group. The Affordable Homes Groups is a unifying body for a family of non-profit corporations all chartered with similar purposes - serving the housing and social service needs of lower-income families. The Salt and Light Company is a property development and management company that deals in all aspects of real estate purchase, renovation, rehabilitation and sale. The Salt and Light

Company is responsible for renovating acquired properties to meet necessary standards for housing needy families.

“This grant from the Shelter Support Grant program provides us the opportunity to purchase and renovate additional properties to be used to help address the ongoing problem of homelessness in Burlington County,” said Salt and Light Company President and CEO Kent Pipes.

Today’s event is part of the Christie Administration’s second annual Season of Service. Last year, Cabinet members participated in approximately 60 events across the state – from serving meals on wheels to shut-ins and helping to serve and stock food pantries to stuffing care packages for military service members overseas and holiday letter writing to troops abroad to collecting and delivering coats to homeless shelters.

Today, approximately 1.5 million New Jerseyans contribute about 170 million hours of service each year, bringing a positive influence to neighborhoods and communities throughout the Garden State through local groups, houses of worship and civic organizations.

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