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Christie Administration Celebrates Third Annual “Season of Service” *SDA CEO Helps Distribute Thanksgiving Meals in Freehold*

Freehold, NJ - As part of the Christie Administration’s third annual “Season of Service” initiative, New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins helped to package and distribute Thanksgiving meals at Open Door Pantry in Freehold on Monday, November 25.

During “Season of Service” Christie Administration officials volunteer their time and highlight service opportunities around the state. Continuing the success of previous service initiatives, this year’s November and December activities will continue to serve New Jersey’s most vulnerable residents as well as families and communities recovering from Superstorm Sandy.

Mr. Larkins, alongside his wife and mother, as well as more than a dozen additional volunteers unloaded, sorted and bagged various donated food items and helped to distribute the meals. Freehold area residents in need of assistance preparing a Thanksgiving meal were given a turkey and traditional side dishes including stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables and pie. All the meals were made possible through the kindness and generosity of local residents, businesses and community organizations.



SDA CEO Marc Larkins helps to unload and organize pies donated by local organizations at Open Door Pantry in Freehold on November 25.

Open Door Pantry is run as a program of Freehold Area Open Door, Inc., a non-profit interfaith agency that provides emergency food, emergency funding, mentoring and scholarships to those in need from the Freehold area. Open Door, Inc. has been helping people in need in the Freehold area for over 25 years and is administered by a 16 member volunteer Board of Trustees, 2 part-time salaried employees and over 150 volunteers. Open Door Pantry is open Monday through Friday from 10am-2pm. For additional information about donating to Open Door Pantry, please call (732) 780-1089.

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