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Schools Development Authority Participates in Governor’s Season of Service Initiative

FREEHOLD, NJ – As part of the Christie Administration’s fifth annual “Season of Service”, New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) Chief of Staff Jason Ballard volunteered at Open Door Pantry in Freehold. Mr. Ballard helped to distribute food boxes to Open Door clients.

“Especially during this time of year, it is important for everyone to find a way to lend a hand,” said SDA Chief of Staff Jason Ballard. “I am thankful for the opportunity to volunteer with an organization that provides support to Freehold area residents in need of assistance.”

Freehold Area Open Door, Inc. (Open Door) is a non-profit 501(c3) interfaith agency that provides emergency food, emergency funding, mentoring and scholarships to those in need from the Freehold area. Open Door provides the following 4 programs: a Food Pantry Program, an Emergency Funding/Advocacy Program, an After School Program and a Scholarship Program. More information about Open Door can be found on their website: www.freeholdareapendoor.org.

Today’s event is part of the Christie Administration’s fifth annual “Season of Service.” “Season of Service” is part of a larger, ongoing effort by the Christie Administration to showcase the profound impact volunteerism has on communities large and small across New Jersey, and the benefits these efforts continue to have on thousands of individuals and families during the holiday season and throughout the year

The SDA manages the design and construction of school facilities projects in New Jersey’s 31 SDA Districts. The SDA is responsible for financing 100% of the cost of school facilities projects in SDA Districts. The SDA also provides grants of at least 40 percent of the eligible costs to New Jersey’s Regular Operating Districts. The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at \$2 billion – including the Capital Project Portfolio, emergent projects, and Regular Operating District grants.

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