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Schools Development Authority Officials Volunteer at the Community FoodBank of New Jersey



HILLSIDE, NJ – As part of the Christie Administration's seventh annual "Season of Service," New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) Chief Executive Officer Charles McKenna and SDA staff volunteered at the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. SDA staff volunteers helped to pack food that will be distributed to families throughout the State.

"There are many families in this state who do not have the resources to obtain nutritious food – a situation that seems especially pronounced during the holidays," said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. "Volunteering at the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, reminds us all that this need exists throughout the year and we can all give back by lending a hand to help each other."

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, a member of Feeding America, engages all sectors of society in its mission to distribute food, provide education and training, and develop programs to help hungry people throughout the state. Last year, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey distributed 50 million pounds of food to more than 1,000 community partners including soup kitchens, food pantries, and shelters. More information can be found at <u>www.cfbnj.org</u>.

Today's event is part of the Christie Administration's seventh 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. These efforts benefit 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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