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COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY VOTED BEST NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NJBIZ's Inaugural Reader Rankings Reflects Statewide Esteem of FoodBank

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The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, the state's largest anti-hunger and anti-poverty organization, was named "Best Nonprofit" by NJBIZ's inaugural Reader Rankings survey.

According to NJBIZ, thousands of "clients, colleagues and peers of businesses in New Jersey" voted for the best organizations in 52 categories, including philanthropy, health care and real estate.

"What makes the companies listed here distinct is the devotion they inspire among our region's business leaders," NJBIZ said.

For more than 40 years, the FoodBank has been on the front lines of combating hunger and poverty across New Jersey, where 1 million residents struggle with food insecurity. The FoodBank provides nutritious food through its community partners – including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters – and through a range of innovative programs that serve food to children, seniors and families in need.

Last year, the FoodBank distributed more than 50 million pounds of food (equivalent to about 42 million meals). Every day, its warehouses in Hillside and Egg Harbor Township see hundreds of volunteers who lend their helping hands and representatives of local organizations who receive food from the FoodBank to distribute among people in their communities.

"It is an honor to be recognized as best nonprofit in New Jersey by NJBIZ readers," said Debra Vizzi, President and CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "It is a testament to our team of devoted staff, board members and community of supporters who give selflessly for the 1 million hungry New Jerseyans who desperately need our help. We are following in the footsteps of our pioneer and founder Kathleen DiChiara who paved the way for this great honor. We are humbled and grateful to all who voted for our mission and values."

The <u>Community FoodBank of New Jersey</u>, a member of Feeding America®, provides people across the state with food, help and hope. The FoodBank distributed over 50 million pounds of food last year to its more than 1,000 community partners including pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, mobile pantries, and child and senior feeding programs. More than 4.7 million times a year, someone in need is fed by the FoodBank's network of partners. For our neighbors, especially families, and for the volunteers and donors who support them, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey is the powerful change agent that fills the emptiness caused by hunger with the basic human essentials that people need to survive.