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## COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY ADDS LOCAL LEADERS TO ITS EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD New members to serve in the fight against hunger in South Jersey

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The Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Egg Harbor Township announced on Monday that five local leaders will join its Advisory Board to serve in the fight against hunger in South Jersey— Bernie Dillon, VP of Entertainment with Hard Rock Hotel & Casino; Debra A. Fox, VP of Strategic Planning & Partner Integration with AtlantiCare Health System; Alex Marino, Director of Operations at Stockton University's Atlantic City Campus; Robert Stern, Chief Legal Counsel for Sodexo International, Emeritus; and Ben Zeltner of Levine Staller Sklar Chan & Brown PA.

The Egg Harbor Township Advisory Board plays a critical role in the organization's decision-making, goal-setting, fundraising and overall leadership.

Bernie Dillion, VP of Entertainment with Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City, recently returned home to Atlantic City and almost immediately signed on to serve on the Advisory Board. Bernie has held several positions in the international entertainment industry, working with music industry greats such as Bruce Springsteen, the Rolling Stones, Robin Williams and Jerry Seinfeld. The Community FoodBank of New Jersey is excited to welcome the Hard Rock to Atlantic City and Bernie to the Advisory Board.

Debra A. Fox, VP of Strategic Planning & Partner Integration with AtlantiCare Health System, brings her dedication and passion for community service, along with many years of work with South Jersey nonprofits. The Community FoodBank of New Jersey and AtlantiCare have spent years creating programs to address hunger as a health issue, and Debra's service on the Advisory Board will ensure that these partnerships continue to serve neighbors in need.

Alex Marino, Director of Operations for Stockton University's Atlantic City campus, is motivated to fight food insecurity in South Jersey. Alex has served our community on several different boards, such as the CRDA, United Way, and the Greater Atlantic City Jaycees.

Robert Stern, Chief Legal Counsel for Sodexo, Emeritus, joins the Community FoodBank of New Jersey's Egg Harbor Township Advisory Board with decades of service neighbors in need. He served as the President and as Board Director for the Sodexo Stop Hunger Foundation, as well as Board Chair for Manna Food Center in Washington, DC. Robert brings with him a highly strategic approach to the fight against hunger.

Ben Zeltner, with Levine Staller Sklar Chan & Brown PA, takes pride in his involvement as past President of Beron Jewish Older Adult Services of Atlantic & Cape May Counties and more recent work as Chairman of the Board of the AtlantiCare Foundatio, raising funds for hospital programs, community gardens and healthy eating and lifestyles education for the community. As current Vice President/Secretary of the Atlantic City Community Fund, Ben guides the fund's mission to foster private giving, strengthen service providers and improve the overall living conditions of Atlantic City. Ben was honored as the 2016 Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) New Jersey Southern Chapter.

"We're grateful to our newest Egg Harbor Township Advisory Board members for their continued service to the community," said Carlos Rodriguez, President & CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "I'm confident that each of these leaders will bring their years of expertise and commitment to the fight against hunger to the table to help drive the organization forward as we strive to do more for our neighbors in need."

Between its two locations in Hillside and Egg Harbor Township, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey works with more than 1,000 community partners to support enough food for more than 47 million meals annually. The Egg Harbor Township warehouse, specifically, accounts for more than 9 million meals each year to feed people in need in Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland counties, working with over 300 community partners, including mobile pantries, Kids Cafes, community distributions, and more.

The <u>Community FoodBank of New Jersey (CFBNJ)</u>, a member of Feeding America®, has been delivering food, help and hope across the state for over 40 years. Last year, CFBNJ provided nutritious food for over 47 million meals through its network of more than 1,000 community partners including pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, mobile pantries, and child and senior feeding programs. For our hungry neighbors, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey is the powerful agent of change that fills the emptiness caused by hunger and provides resources that are essential to earning a sustainable living.