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COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY DISTRIBUTES THANKSGIVING TURKEYS TO FOOD PANTRIES, SOUP KITCHENS ACROSS THE STATE

Over 25,000 Turkeys and Roasters Will be Provided Throughout the Month of November

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Throughout the month of November, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey will host large-scale turkey distributions for each of the eight counties in its northern service area—enabling local food pantries and soup kitchens to pick up Thanksgiving turkeys for their hungry neighbors.

Organizations that have placed holiday orders with the FoodBank will visit the designated pick-up sites closest to them to get roasters and frozen turkeys, which they will each distribute on their own schedules. The FoodBank works with more than 1,000 of these partners year-round, providing the food that enables them to serve neighbors in need in their communities.

"Our community partners are the boots on the ground that help us feed struggling families and make a local impact on hunger," said Carlos Rodriguez, President & CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "During the holidays, they allow us to share the joy of the season with those who might otherwise go without a Thanksgiving meal."

The FoodBank will provide more than 25,000 turkeys and roasters at these distributions, which are scheduled as follows:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm: Plainfield City Hall, 515 Watchung Ave., Plainfield THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 8:30 am – 11:30 am: 644 Chancellor Ave., Irvington TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 9:00 am – 11:30 am: Hudson County, 1 Highland Ave., Jersey City FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm: Passaic County, 330 Passaic St., Ste 2, Passaic MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 9:00 am – 10:30 am: Morris County, 200 South Street, Morristown TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Essex County, 31 Evans Terminal, Hillside WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 9:00 am – 10:30 am: Bergen County, 192 North Demarest, Englewood THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Middlesex County, 28 Kennedy Blvd, East Brunswick FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm: 353 Main Street, Orange MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Essex County, 31 Evans Terminal, Hillside

Mayors, legislators, and other local figures are tentatively slated to attend select distributions.

"We strive year-round to bring all sectors of society together in the fight against hunger," Rodriguez added, "but Thanksgiving is perhaps the best and most heartwarming example of people working together to provide food, help, and hope for our hungry neighbors."

Members of the media are welcome to attend and cover any of the above listed distributions, all of which will feature opportunities to speak with FoodBank staff and local community partner representatives. Contact Nicole Williams, Communications Manager at (908) 355-3663 x282 or nwilliams@cfbnj.org if interested.

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 45 years. Last year, CFBNJ provided nutritious food for over 50 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.