

## **New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**

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As Part of the Christie Administration's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Season of Service NJ Board of Public Utilities President Serves Meals and Participates Volunteers of America Delaware Valley Christmas Luncheon

**Collingswood, N.J.** – Today, Richard S. Mroz, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board), as part of the Christie Administration's 5th Annual Season of Service, served holiday meals and participated in Volunteers of America Delaware Valley's Christmas Luncheon for residents living in the organization's group home settings.

"It's very satisfying and rewarding to help a great organization like Volunteers of America Delaware Valley to make this a special holiday season for those who need a helping hand," said President Mroz. "I'm also happy to continue the tradition of generations of my family who have been volunteering with the VOADV."

Quite often the adult residents living in housing provided by Volunteers of America Delaware Valley have no family interaction. To help create a family-like atmosphere, particularly during the holiday season, Volunteers of America Delaware Valley holds an annual Christmas luncheon for residents to enjoy good food and receive gifts purchased by staff.

Volunteers of America Delaware Valley is a part of a national organization that provides local human service programs. Nationally Volunteers of America has local affiliates in 46 states as well as District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and assists more than 2 million people annually. The Delaware Valley affiliate offers services to help the homeless, families, children, veterans, seniors, the disabled, ex-offenders, and others that are seeking the chance to rebuild and reform their lives. To meet the needs of the people, VOADV employees serve 13,000 people each year and volunteers provide over 8,000 hours of service in 44 programs in the areas of community housing and supportive services, affordable housing, behavioral health and developmental disabilities, re-entry services, domestic violence and volunteer services.

## Photo Caption:

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities President Richard S. Mroz (second from right) and Demetre Pough, Quality Assurance Director with Volunteers of America Delaware Valley, (first on the right), serve lunch to approximately 75 residents of VOADV's residential program at Volunteers of America Delaware Valley's Christmas Party.