

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

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## New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Commissioners Give Back as Part of the Christie Administration's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Season of Service'

TRENTON, N.J. – Today, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) Commissioner Dianne Solomon delivered meals to homebound seniors and families in need as part of the Christie Administration's annual 'Season of Service' campaign. Commissioner Solomon picked-up meals from the Samost Jewish Family & Children's Service of Southern New Jersey (JCFS) in Cherry Hill before delivering the food to those in need throughout Burlington and Camden Counties. The JCFS provides comprehensive caring and social services to assist southern New Jersey clients with every stage of life.

The Christie Administration has begun its 'Season of Service' campaign where State officials volunteer their time, highlighting service opportunities in communities throughout the Garden State.

'Season of Service' began in 2011, inspired by a then 8-year old Aidan McManus. The NJ Hero award winner devoted his time and hard-earned money to feed the homeless and needy in Burlington County, New Jersey. Continuing the success of previous years' service initiatives, activities through this November and December will again serve New Jersey's most vulnerable residents.

On Monday, November 21, 2016, NJBPU Commissioner Upendra Chivukula volunteered at Second Reformed Church of New Brunswick's Five Loaves Food Pantry where he helped pack Thanksgiving meals for those in need. The food pantry is operated in a unique fashion whereby families choose their own food rather than receive a pre-packaged allotment. Families are given "points" based on the number of family members in the household. These points can be redeemed for food in the categories of proteins, beans, vegetables, fruits, rice, pasta, cereals and miscellaneous items.

On November 2, 2016, NJBPU Commissioners Joseph L. Fiordaliso and Mary-Anna N. Holden volunteered by preparing and serving meatloaf dinners to approximately 100 people at Homeless Solutions in Morristown, NJ. For over 30 years Homeless Solutions has offered shelter, services and supportive housing to the homeless and working poor in Morris County, New Jersey.

We invite you to also take part in this Season of Service by volunteering your service through local groups, houses of worship and civic organizations. To find volunteer opportunities in your area, please visit <u>http://www.state.nj.us/state/programs/dos\_program\_volunteer\_centers.html</u>

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