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## **NJBPU President Mroz and Staff Help to Enliven Homeless Shelter 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) President Richard S. Mroz led by example, showing the importance of giving back during this holiday season. With paintbrush in hand, President Mroz and a crew of NJBPU staff applied a fresh coat of paint to the kitchen and lounge in the Volunteers of America Delaware Valley's Agape House, a 60-bed homeless shelter in Somerville, NJ. The volunteer effort is part of the Christie Administration's 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Season of Service" campaign.

"Homelessness is a real problem for a lot families and individuals in New Jersey and across our nation," said President Mroz. "It's very important, especially during the holiday season, to remember our neighbors who are struggling. They need to know their community genuinely cares about their well-being."

Today's painting project is the first step of a multi-prong revitalization plan of the facility and service programs. Other upgrades include improvements to the 10 family bedroom center, expansion to educational programming and the creation of a donation forum.

Agape House provides temporary housing and case management to homeless families and individuals as well as employment counseling, 24-hour staff support, clothing and transportation assistance.

The Christie Administration's "Season of Service" campaign encourages state officials to volunteer their time and to highlight service opportunities in communities throughout the Garden State. This year's activities will again serve New Jersey's most vulnerable residents and runs through December.

The public is invited to take part in this year's "Season of Service" campaign by volunteering their time through local groups, houses of worship and civic organizations. To find volunteer opportunities in your area, please visit [http://www.state.nj.us/state/programs/dos\\_program\\_volunteer\\_centers.html](http://www.state.nj.us/state/programs/dos_program_volunteer_centers.html)

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