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Holiday Food Drives Ramp Up at Middlesex County's Food Bank

MIDDLESEX COUNTY – As the holidays draw near, many long-standing supporters of the Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (MCFOODS) are gearing up with activities to help stock our shelves.

“Coming off the summer time lull in donations, the Middlesex County Food Bank shelves are starting to get restocked” says Middlesex County Improvement Authority Senior Project Manager and MCFOODS Director Jennifer Apostol. “and the timing couldn’t be better as our network of emergency food providers are looking to us for help in preparing food baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday.”

Middlesex Borough resident Lisa Chippendale has coordinated a neighborhood food drive with her children and their friends in need of community service hours over the last four years. This year none of the youth are in need of required service hours however Lisa says, “The last four years have made an impression on the kids and they look forward to volunteering again this year.” The group has expanded its effort this year to include a partnership with the Middlesex Police Department to reach a wider range of people in town. If you are in Middlesex Borough please support their efforts, look for our green containers or orange bags throughout town as a place to contribute your nonperishable food donation. Their collection will conclude by Nov. 4.

Also for the fourth year in a row, multiple troops from the East Brunswick Boy Scouts will be collecting donations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 27 and 28 and Nov. 3 and 4 from store patrons at the Milltown Acme. Please be sure to stop by and support their efforts!

“Students truly are the leaders in exemplifying community giving,” states Freeholder Deputy Director Charles E. Tomaro, liaison to the MCIA. “I commend them for their dedication and commitment to impacting the lives of our neighbors through their support of MCFOODS.”

Some other student-led efforts currently taking place include Old Bridge High School’s Junior ROTC program, members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America at John P. Stevens High School in Edison, the student bodies from Metuchen High School and Murray A. Chittick Elementary School in East Brunswick and the South Brunswick High School Gymnastic Team. These are just a few examples of collections taking place across the region.

“It truly is the season for giving thanks, and at MCFOODS we are grateful for the caring and generous groups who are dedicated to supporting our mission,” said MCIA Chairman James P. Nolan.

Food donations distributed by MCFOODS directly impact children, seniors, veterans, disabled and working families struggling to make ends meet through our network of pantries, soup kitchens and social service agencies across all 25 towns in the County. With support from generous individuals, businesses clubs and groups we are feeding thousands of our neighbors in need and partnering to end hunger.

For businesses interested in corporate sponsorships or individuals looking to make a financial donation, please visit www.feedingmiddlesexcounty.org or mail your check to PO Box 781, Edison, NJ 08818. For further details on MCFOODS or hosting a food drive, visit www.mciauth.com, or call 609-409-5033. You may also follow MCFOODS and Feeding Middlesex County on our social media pages.

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