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NJDOT Celebrates Annual Season of Service



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At the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), we believe that our mission to improve the lives of those in the State of New Jersey extends further than building and maintaining our roads and bridges. As an agency, I feel we have a calling to **do our part** to help those less fortunate than us. This task is bigger than the DOT. It's something that anyone with an opportunity to help those in need can embrace.

The holidays are a time to join together in unity to promote **peace and goodwill**. I am proud of our employees who joined arms this holiday season with local charities to help communities in need.



Pictured from Left to Right: Ricardo Cruz, Neil Spargo, NJDOT Assistant Commissioner Andrew Tunnard and Stacy Devlin from Ewing Headquarters delivered 1,575 donated food items to Arm in Arm Food Bank in Trenton.



Pictured from Left to Right: NJDOT Crew 410-Pennsauken Yard employees Ryan Hudson, Ryan Rautanen, Bill Fox, Chris Scassero, Nick Bazis, Matt Pedrick, John Schmidt, Brian Mutchler, Ray Rivera, Javier Cortes and Joe Zizzamia from Region South delivered 762 donated food items to the Food Bank of South Jersey.

This month, we completed our 6th Annual Season of Service Food Drive. All three of our regions (North, Central and South) as well as our main Ewing Headquarters collected non-perishable food items throughout the months of November and December—**totaling 3,907 items.**

At Ewing Headquarters, 1,757 donated food items were delivered to Arm in Arm Food Bank in Trenton. Arm in Arm is a community-focused organization with a mission to achieve food, housing and employment stability for their neighbors in need.

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Our South Region collected 762 donated items for the Food Bank of South Jersey, North Region collected 248 items for Market Street Mission in Morristown, and Central Region collected 1,140 items and delivered them to Fulfill Food Bank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties.

In addition, last month our staff generously donated **254 winter clothing items** during our annual Winter Clothes Drive. Most of the items were delivered to HomeFront in Ewing—a non-profit organization in Lawrenceville dedicated to ending homelessness in Central Jersey. The residents at HomeFront received the coats just before the first winter storm of the season.

NJDOT is full of generous individuals—always going above and beyond to help when there is a need. I hope, at this point, that everyone knows **Commitment to Communities is our mission**—but those words only become meaningful when action supports them. NJDOT staff put meaning to the Commitment to Communities message through hard work in their day-to-day responsibilities and dedication to their local communities.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated and to the organizations that serve their communities every day.

I hope you all had a joy-filled holiday season and have a prosperous New Year.



Pictured From Left to Right - Aime Fleming, NJDOT Assistant Commissioner Andrew Tunnard, NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Mark Zelenak and Joseph Giordano delivered 178 donated coats to HomeFront in Lawrenceville.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please feel free to share it with your colleagues. If you have any questions about any of the information in the newsletter please feel free to contact NJDOT's **Office of Community Relations** at **609-963-1982**.

Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
Commissioner



Pictured from Left to Right: NJDOT employees Ken Myers, Parth Orza, Elyce Gratale and Bill Killmurray from Region North delivered 248 food items to the Market Street Mission of Morristown.



Pictured from Left to Right: NJDOT employees Sue Dempsey, Dave Tucker, Darnell Holmes and Jeff Guttridge from Region Central delivered 1,140 food items to Fulfill Food Bank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties.