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Over 1,000 Paterson Area Women and Children Served and 1,200 Turkeys Given to Families for Thanksgiving

Trenton, NJ – Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today returned to Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children in Paterson, for a second year to serve meals to women and children as part of the organization’s annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Since opening their doors in 1997, the organization has been dedicated to assisting women and children in obtaining self-sufficiency through educational programs and direct service. Oasis has impacted the lives of thousands of women and children in the Paterson community through its work.

“The celebration at Oasis last year was a powerful example of what happens when communities come together to serve their neighbors and friends during the holiday season,” said Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, who as Secretary of State, oversees the Governor’s Office of Volunteerism, which works to increase community-based volunteering throughout New Jersey. “I’m pleased to be back to join the volunteers and staff to serve Thanksgiving lunch and help distribute meals to families in Paterson. I believe Oasis, and community-based organizations like it, are giving so many New Jerseyans hope and should be applauded for their efforts.”

In advance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Oasis served 1,000 Thanksgiving meals and distribute over 1,200 turkeys to

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families living in the Paterson area. Originally a soup kitchen serving meals to women and children, Oasis has become a "safe haven" where women living in extreme poverty have access to food, clothing, education and childcare, free of charge.

"We are honored that Lt. Governor Guadagno would again join us at Oasis to serve Thanksgiving lunch to the women and children who are part of our program," said Oasis Executive Director Caroline Waterman. "Last year, many of our clients were surprised to see that she not only toured our facility, but also put on an apron and joined our volunteers to participate in the full lunch service. Her participation was such a boost to our celebration last year. The Lt. Governor promised then that she'd come back and she kept that promise, demonstrating her commitment to this community."

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