

Governor Phil Murphy

First Lady Tammy Murphy to Continue Serving New Jersey's COVID-19 Volunteer Effort

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TRENTON – First Lady Tammy Murphy today announced her plans to continue serving New Jersey's COVID-19 volunteer effort. The First Lady will travel throughout New Jersey to provide support and highlight critical non-profits in communities across the state. New Jersey's non-profits have continued to provide essential resources to the state's most vulnerable populations during the unprecedented COVID-19 public health crisis. However, many of these organizations have been stretched to capacity and depend on community volunteers to enable them to fulfill their missions. The First Lady will join Table of Hope in Randolph tomorrow, June 23rd, and assist with mobile food distribution.

"The unparalleled COVID-19 public health crisis has revealed that New Jerseyans are not only resilient, but also overwhelmingly possess a remarkable sense of kindness and altruism," **said First Lady Tammy Murphy**. "Throughout the state, our strong communities have come together to provide services to our most vulnerable populations and those who have been deeply impacted by COVID-19. By volunteering with several organizations, I have witnessed first-hand the importance of even the smallest gestures of service. I look forward to continuing this work and highlighting more incredible non-profit organizations in our state."

The First Lady will continue her volunteerism throughout New Jersey over the next few weeks and visit the following organizations:

- Table of Hope at County College of Morris
- Friends In Action, Inc.'s Food Distribution Site Event in Atlantic City
- Family Promise Bergen County in Ridgewood
- Community Food Bank of NJ in Hillside
- Catholic Charities of NJ in Cranford
- Cathedral Kitchen in Camden
- Bradley Food Pantry in Bradley Beach
- Eva's Kitchen in Paterson

The New Jersey Governor's Office of Volunteerism (<https://www.nj.gov/state/volunteer-in-nj.shtml>) has issued guidelines (<https://www.nj.gov/state/assets/pdf/volunteer/2020-0325-nj-volunteer-guidance.pdf>) to follow for those volunteering during the COVID-19 outbreak. The First Lady will adhere to all health and safety protocols in order to protect volunteers, residents, clients and service agencies.

Since joining the volunteer effort in April, the First Lady has volunteered with the following organizations:

- Center for Food Action in Englewood
- CUMAC in Paterson
- Food Bank of South Jersey in Pennsauken



- Lunch Break in Red Bank
- NAN Newark Tech World in Newark
- Newark Community Street Team in Newark
- New Beginnings Behavioral Health Services, LLC in Camden
- Oasis – A Haven for Women & Children in Paterson
- Red Bank Salvation Army Corps in Red Bank
- Trenton Area Soup Kitchen in Trenton

For those looking to support New Jersey non-profits by volunteering, please visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/help> (<https://covid19.nj.gov/help>) to see how you can help.

If you are a non-profit seeking volunteers, please visit HelpNJNow's Organization Volunteer Request Form (<http://www.njvoad.org/member-portal/volunteer-request-form/>).

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