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Christie Administration Thanks Home Depot for Generous Donation of Clean-Up Supplies for Toms River Residents Impacted by Hurricane Sandy

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Acting Governor Kim Guadagno Helps Deliver Donation to Residents to Continue New Jersey's Recovery from Storm

Trenton, NJ – The Christie Administration today thanked home improvement retailer Home Depot for donating cleaning supplies and tools to Toms River residents affected by destruction from Hurricane Sandy. Delivery trucks full of supplies stopped at Ocean County Baptist Church in Toms River today and were greeted by Acting Governor Kim Guadagno, who helped unload rakes, shovels, work gloves, trash bags and cleaning supplies.

"These simple items such as buckets, mops and gloves become so important to families who just want to clean-up, resume their lives and return to some sense of normalcy as quickly as possible," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "Home Depot's donation is very meaningful, not only because it helps people with the physical task of cleaning up, but because the thoughtfulness of the donation lifts the spirits and morale of everyone affected by Hurricane Sandy. The work before us is formidable, but Home Depot's donation and concern will help make our journey just a little easier."

The donation, made by the Home Depot Foundation, is part of a one million dollar immediate relief and long-term rebuilding effort by the Atlanta-based company. Team Depot, the retailer's volunteer force, is working with local authorities and nonprofit groups to assess damage and mobilize volunteer teams for cleanup activities.

"Our hearts go out to the communities, families and our own associates who are dealing with the effects of Superstorm Sandy," said Kelly Caffarelli, president, The Home Depot Foundation. "We pledge to be there for the long haul as communities begin recovering and rebuilding. We will use the knowledge and expertise we have gained from responding to other large scale disasters to deploy our funds and volunteers with maximum impact."

Individuals who wish to donate to New Jersey's recovery effort are encouraged to call 1-855-NJDONATE (1-855-653-6628).

"Many companies and individuals from New Jersey and from around the nation have stepped up in our state's time of need by offering financial donations, goods, services and manpower. From large-scale efforts to individual acts of kindness, we are truly grateful for the outpouring of support we have received as New Jersey continues to recover from the effects of Hurricane Sandy," continued Acting Governor Guadagno.

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