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## Governor Kim Guadagno Continues Statewide "Season of Service" With Visit To The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

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**Trenton, NJ** – Highlighting the importance of volunteerism during the Christie Administration's third annual "Season of Service," Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today visited the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) to greet staff and serve warm meals to area residents.

"Season of Service" is part of a larger, ongoing effort by the Christie Administration to showcase the profound impact volunteerism has on communities large and small across New Jersey, and the benefits these efforts continue to have on thousands of individuals and families during the holiday season and throughout the year.

"More than 1.5 million New Jersey residents volunteer annually through an array of charitable organizations, and these efforts always take on a heightened meaning during the holidays," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "We're so fortunate that fine organizations as the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen not only meet such a crucial need throughout the year, but provide an outlet for the good people of the greater Trenton area to give back."

For over three decades, TASK has been touching lives and extending a helping hand to so many through its diverse portfolio of programs. In addition to serving more than 4,000 meals a week from its seven locations in Trenton and across Mercer County, TASK also offers unique services aimed at increasing self-sufficiency and quality of life in a variety of ways. These include, but are not limited to, tutoring in a wide range of academic subjects, lessons in essential computer skill, and nurturing creativity through its collections of arts programming.

"The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen not only provides access to healthy, good food, but we also provide programs to encourage self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life of our patrons. TASK's accomplishments are truly the result of a community effort," said Executive Director Dennis Micai. "We are so pleased to have a community-minded Lt. Governor work with us today so that she sees first-hand the good work we do and meet the people that we help each and every day."

In addition to Governor Christie and Lt. Governor Guadagno, many other Administration officials are volunteering throughout the New Jersey and taking time to recognize those who volunteer within their community. Individuals and organizations with charity program stories and pictures can shared them by using #SeasonOfService. In addition, residents can find volunteer opportunities, as well as recognize individuals and groups that enhance New Jersey's communities through service, by visiting www.volunteerism.nj.gov/.

For more information about the work of the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, or to donate or volunteer, please visit: www.trentonsoupkitchen.org/.

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