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Gov. Christie Whitman Presents Homestead Rebate Checks to Senior Citizens to Announce Completion of Mailing of Rebate Checks Valued at \$300 Million for 1996

Stressing that Homestead Rebate checks are an important part of the Whitman Administration's efforts to make the State more affordable for all New Jerseyans, Gov. Christie Whitman presented Homestead Rebate checks to a group of senior citizens at a ceremony today announcing the mailing of this year's rebate checks.

"Homestead Rebate checks provide eligible citizens of New Jersey, including seniors, the blind, and the disabled, with much needed money and relief," Whitman said. "I am committed to continuing to work with the legislature and with local officials to provide further property tax relief for the people of New Jersey. Over one and a quarter million Homestead Rebate checks for 1996 are being mailed out providing more than \$300 million in direct property tax relief."

Whitman presented checks to Wanda Brodell, of Lyndhurst, Nancy Limongello of North Arlington and Elizabeth and Harold Selix of Southampton at a ceremony announcing this year's rebate check mailing by the Division of Taxation in Trenton.

Also participating in the ceremony was State Treasurer James DiEleuterio.

The Division of Taxation completed its mailing of rebate checks to eligible recipients for 1996 today. The 1,232,698 checks mailed out totaled \$300,147,753.61. The average check was in the amount of \$243.49.

Eligible recipients include senior citizens who are 65 or older, residents who are blind or disabled; and those under 65 who earn less than \$40,000.

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