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Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno Recognizes A&P Supermarkets and The Salvation Army for Continued Commitment to Help Families Recover from Superstorm Sandy

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Reopening of A&P of Ortley Beach Provides Valuable Store Space for The Salvation Army's Continued Outreach to Families Struggling to Rebuild

Trenton, NJ – Thanking the A&P Family of Supermarkets and The Salvation Army for their ongoing commitment to New Jersey families rebuilding their lives from Superstorm Sandy, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today cut the ribbon to reopen the A&P in Ortley Beach and mark the ceremonial opening of store space reserved for The Salvation Army's efforts to help families recover from the storm.

"A&P has proven its dedication to the community of Ortley Beach by not only persevering in the face of the most devastating storm to ever meet our shores, but also by donating a sizable portion of their building to The Salvation Army so that they may continue to serve residents who are working to rebuild and recover," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "Through the selfless efforts of A&P and The Salvation Army, Superstorm Sandy victims can find the support and supplies that will help local residents to rebuild their lives."

Earlier this month The Salvation Army opened an emergency assistance center in the A&P Shopping Plaza in Ortley Beach, where counselors meet with affected families. Counselors assess a family's needs and pair them with a "personal assistant" who can then direct the family to available supplies and services. To receive assistance, families must provide either their FEMA number or proof of residency in an effected area.

"The Salvation Army is honored to be able to continue to serve the residents of Ocean County who were affected by Superstorm Sandy through our facility in Ortley Beach in addition to our Community Center in Toms River," said Bramwell Applin, the Salvation Army New Jersey's community relations manager. "It is our hope that in partnering with the A&P Family of Supermarkets, the residents of this area can rebuild not only their lives, but also rebuild a community."

A&P's 50,014-square-foot Ortley Beach store suffered significant damage from Superstorm Sandy. Repairs included repainting, new flooring, replacing fixtures and cases, and clearing aisles.

"As a member of the Ortley Beach community for the last 26 years, we are proud to welcome our neighbors back to our newly remodeled store, and we're glad that we were able to assist by donating space to the Salvation Army," said Sam Martin, A&P's president and CEO. "We are dedicated to rebuilding our stores in Sandy-impacted areas, and we have worked tirelessly to reopen as quickly as possible. Now we're back and better than ever to serve our neighborhood customers as they continue to recover from the storm."

The A&P and The Salvation Army's emergency assistance center are located at 5 Ortley Plaza in Ortley Beach. The emergency assistance center is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. The center is closed on Sundays. More information is available at salvationarmynj.org and by calling 1-888-247-0100.

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