

Lt. Governor Guadagno Celebrates Fifth Annual Season of Service With Visit to Oasis in Paterson

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Participates in Lunch Service and Distributes Meals to Women and Children



Trenton, NJ – On Thursday, continuing the Administration’s Season of Service, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno visited Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children, in Paterson, where she and members of her staff met with program participants and served hot meals during the organization’s lunch service.

“It is a privilege to join Oasis and see the immediate, positive effect its programs have on the women and children it serves,” said Lt. Governor Guadagno. “When staff and volunteers provide a hot meal, a health program or training class, they also provide participants the tools for a new beginning and self-sufficiency. I thank Oasis for its continued care for Paterson’s residents in need.”

This is the sixth time that the Lt. Governor has volunteered at Oasis for the Administration’s Season of Service.

Opened in 1997 to provide meal services to women and children, Oasis expanded its mission in 2007 to become a “safe haven” with additional health and safety services as well as literacy, language and workforce development programs. All programs are designed to help families succeed in the workplace and community while meeting their immediate needs of food, clothing and social services. Annually, Oasis serves more than 65,000 hot meals to women and children from the community.

“We are so grateful that the Lieutenant Governor is again able to join us at Oasis during this ‘Season of Service,’” noted Oasis Executive Director Jennifer Brady. “We will be serving lunch and providing toys to over 1,000 women and children that day, and are thankful Ms. Guadagno and her team will be part of the important work serving those in need in Paterson this holiday season.”

In the spirit of giving this holiday season, the Christie Administration is once again giving back to New Jersey through its Season of Service initiative. Officials are volunteering throughout the Garden State and also taking time to recognize those who volunteer within their community.

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/.

More information on Oasis and its programs can be found on its website at: <http://www.oasisnj.org/>.

Lt. Governor Guadagno was joined by Paterson Mayor Jose Torres.

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