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Visits Thanksgiving Celebration and Serves Meals to Women and Children

Trenton, NJ – Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today visited Paterson to tour Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting women and children in obtaining self-sufficiency through educational programs and direct service. As part of her visit, Lt. Governor Guadagno served meals to women and children as part of the organization's Thanksgiving Celebration.

In advance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Oasis plans to serve nearly 1,200 Thanksgiving meals and distribute over 1,000 turkeys to families living in the Paterson area. Founded in 1997, Oasis grew from a soup kitchen serving meals to women and children to a "safe haven" where women living in extreme poverty have access to food, clothing, education and childcare, free of charge.

"Oasis is a great organization that is filling a tremendous need in our communities today through their programming and services for women and children. Today's Thanksgiving Celebration gave us the opportunity to meet and serve the people who are directly impacted by the work being done here this holiday season," said Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno. "Oasis, and community organizations like it, provide hope and support to women and children at a time when they need it the most. Since their inception in 1997, Oasis has been a partner with the people of Paterson and served as a true illustration of the compassion and spirit of community that New Jerseyans pride themselves on."

Caroline Waterman, Executive Director of Oasis, noted, "I am honored at the opportunity to stand next to New Jersey's Lt. Governor Guadagno serving Thanksgiving Lunch to the women and children of the greater Paterson community. I commend the Lt. Governor for her outreach and commitment to our communities."

Last year, Oasis served over 63,000-plus meals to women and children, a significant growth from the prior year's 35,000 meals served.

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