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Acting Governor Kim Guadagno Celebrates “Season Of Service” With Visit To Holiday Express Concert Event At NJPAC In Newark

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Trenton, NJ – Tonight, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno will join volunteers and affiliates of the Monmouth County based nonprofit Holiday Express for a benefit Rock and Soul Christmas Spectacular concert sponsored by Investors Bank at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark. Throughout the year, Holiday Express delivers music, food, gifts, financial support and compassion to individuals with disabilities, the isolated, individuals in addiction and recovery programs, the poor and homeless and children with serious illnesses.

“Holiday Express’ 1,300 volunteers and 100 professional musicians connect in a very human way with New Jersey’s most vulnerable residents,” said Acting Governor Guadagno. “These volunteers provide the gift of human kindness and reaffirm the spirit of the season through their time and talents. We are fortunate to have nonprofit organizations like Holiday Express that offer opportunities for civic-minded people to make a positive impact in our communities.”

Founded in 1993, Holiday Express’ interactive, free parties come complete with a rock n’ roll band, costumed characters, parodies, and of course a visit from Santa. Their programs often include a meal, gift bags, face painting or crafts and are offered across the tri-state area. In addition, Holiday Express awards three academic scholarships to extraordinary graduating high school seniors, who, in most cases, confront difficult circumstances that most other high school students do not face. Since 2000, Holiday Express has awarded more than \$430,000 to students in the communities they serve.

In announcing the sponsorship alliance with Holiday Express, Investors Bank Senior Vice President for Business and Government Banking John Nietzel said, “We’re honored to support the Christmas Spectacular event, which raises funds to serve our disadvantaged neighbors suffering through tough times right now. Tim McLoone and his team of musicians and volunteers show us in dramatic ways that giving, especially to the less fortunate, is the essence of this and every 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. 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 Holiday Express, to donate or to sign up to volunteer, please visit: www.holidayexpress.org/

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