

Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno Visits Paterson-Based Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children During Season of Service

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An Estimated 600 Women Receive Hot Meals and a Gift for Their Children

Trenton, NJ – Helping to distribute toys for mothers and grandmothers to bring home to their children and grandchildren, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today visited Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children in Paterson for the organization’s annual Christmas celebration. Since opening its doors in 1997, Oasis has been dedicated to assisting women and children gain self-sufficiency through educational programs and direct services. Through its work, Oasis has touched and positively impacted the lives of thousands of women and children in the Paterson community.

“This is my third time participating in an Oasis holiday celebration, but in light of what everyone in New Jersey has experienced during and after Hurricane Sandy, this year’s event carries special significance,” said Lt. Governor Guadagno. “Despite the upheaval this storm brought to thousands of New Jersey families, Governor Christie and I have witnessed countless examples of people coming together to help each other. That spirit of giving of ourselves is expressed here today at Oasis.”

An estimated 600 women received a hot meal provided by the organization, as well as a brand new toy to bring home for their children. Toys were donated through toy drives and by schools, houses of worship, community organizations and individuals.

“It is with great pleasure that we welcome Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno to Oasis to help us serve our women and children this Christmas,” said Sister Gloria Perez, Oasis’ executive director. “Oasis is truly a place where our clients find a place that not only welcomes them but also empowers them to improve their lives. We are extremely grateful for the support the Lt. Governor offers to our community.”

Oasis provides resources to women in crisis or who are looking to advance their lives. The organization provides a variety of educational resources, including GED, computer and workplace readiness classes, child care services, an after-school program for 6-12 year-old children and a teen program for girls. For women and children in need, the organization operates a five day-a-week soup kitchen, provides clothing and food and social services in emergencies.

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