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**CFBNJ's DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY RECEIVES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOR AT STATE CAPITOL
Diane Riley Recognized for Work in the Fight Against Hunger and Poverty**

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A trio of anti-poverty advocates, including Diane Riley, the Director of Advocacy for the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, received a special honor at the State Assembly in Trenton on Monday, March 14. Riley was honored along with Joyce Campbell of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, and Serena Rice, Executive Director of the Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey. Riley and Campbell also serve on the Board of the Anti-Poverty Network.

Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle, who honored the three women on the floor of the Assembly, said, "Whether it's ensuring that people have the opportunity to earn a living wage, or that children are not going to bed hungry at night or that seniors are able to afford to heat their homes in the winter, we need to take a comprehensive approach to lift people out of poverty in New Jersey. These honorees live and breathe this challenge each and every day and have made a marked difference in the lives of families throughout New Jersey. For that, they deserve to be honored during this year's Women's History Month."

At the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, the state's largest anti-hunger and anti-poverty organization, Diane Riley leads advocacy efforts, working to combat poverty and enact solutions. She said, "I'm deeply honored and humbled to be recognized along with my fellow advocates. Hunger is a symptom of poverty. The Community FoodBank of New Jersey joins with me in gratitude knowing this will reinforce our important mission to fight hunger and poverty."

Coinciding with Monday's honor were votes in the legislature on key bills dealing with poverty, including an [increase in heating assistance for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) households](#) and [incentives to encourage the implementation of Breakfast after the Bell](#). Other poverty-related legislation addressed were expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit, additional rental vouchers, increasing assistance for WorkFirst New Jersey recipients, funding to prevent lead poisoning, and pay equity for women.

Riley hopes the honor will draw new attention to the struggle of more than 1.1 million people in New Jersey -- including almost 400,000 children -- who face food insecurity.

ABOUT CFBNJ: The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, a member of Feeding America, distributes food to more than 1,000 partner charities including pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, mobile pantries, and child and senior feeding programs. CFBNJ distributes more than 44 million pounds of food a year, and more than 4.7 million times a year, someone in need is fed by CFBNJ's network of partner charities. CFBNJ's mission is to fight hunger in New Jersey by assisting those in need and seeking long-term solutions. We will empower all sectors of society in this battle.

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