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**ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE TO PROVIDE FOR NEW JERSEY'S HUNGRY
Community FoodBank of New Jersey Collecting Holiday Food for Families in Need**

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Close to 300,000 New Jersey children face hunger every day. Many of their families don't have the means to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner – turkey, stuffing and all. To ensure food-insecure people across the state have what they need to share a holiday meal, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey has been purchasing thousands of turkeys and will gather even more at its 17th Annual Turkey Drive the weekend before Thanksgiving.

FoodBank staff and volunteers will collect holiday food essentials at more than 50 sites across the state on Saturday, November 18, and Sunday, November 19. Last year, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey received nearly 54,000 pounds of food and about 4,600 turkeys thanks to people who donated to help feed families in need.

The FoodBank's most-needed items include frozen turkeys and hams, canned vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce and stuffing. Donate food and funds to make a difference in the lives of the close to one million people facing hunger in New Jersey. For more information and to donate online, please visit cfbnj.org/turkey.

WHAT: 17th Annual Turkey Drive

WHEN: Saturday, November 18, and Sunday, November 19

WHERE: Sites statewide (all sites and dates/times at cfbnj.org/turkey)

WHY: To collect holiday food for people in need across New Jersey

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, a member of Feeding America, provides people across the state with food, help and hope. The FoodBank distributed over 50 million pounds of food last year to its more than 1,000 community partners including pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, mobile pantries, and child and senior feeding programs. More than 4.7 million times a year, someone in need is fed by the FoodBank's network of partners. For our neighbors, especially families, and for the volunteers and donors who support them, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey is the powerful change agent that fills the emptiness caused by hunger with the basic human essentials that people need to survive.