

**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
**For Immediate Release**  
**November 23, 2015**



**Contact: Kathleen Long**  
**(973) 881-8307 x105**  
**kathleenlong@oasisnj.org**

## **Oasis Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration on 11/24 to Include Local Public Officials**

**PATERSON, NJ –**

**What:** Oasis will host its annual Thanksgiving meal and turkey giveaway for the over 1,200 women and children from the greater Paterson area, many of whom attend Oasis' adult education, workplace readiness, and youth development programs.

**When:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015                      10:30am-2:00pm

**Who:** Close to 1,200 members of the Paterson community will enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal (donated by The Market Basket in Franklin Lakes, NJ) and receive a free turkey (donated from various organizations, including St. Francis Food Pantries – NYC; UPS – Wayne, NJ; St. Elizabeth's Church – Wyckoff, NJ).

Corporate volunteers from UPS, BD, and Health and Wellness Partners, as well as Temple Sholom of West Essex, along with staff, Board members, and individual supporters of Oasis, will be distributing turkeys and serving lunch.

Special servers (as of 12noon, 11/23) will include:

- Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter (11:30am)
- Paterson Mayor Jose "Joey" Torres (11am)
- Paterson City Councilwoman Ruby Cotton (10:30am)

**Where:** Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children  
59 Mill Street, Paterson, NJ 07501

**Why:** This annual event looks to provide a hearty holiday meal to those living in poverty in Paterson. It also provides an opportunity for those in the community, including corporate groups, to learn about the mission of Oasis while serving others and spreading this holiday cheer.

Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Paterson, New Jersey whose mission is to change the lives of women and children by breaking the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate, and empower women and children in need. Learn more at [www.oasisnj.org](http://www.oasisnj.org).

###