



Oasis Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration on Tuesday, 11/22 to Include Senator Cory Booker and State, County and Local 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 22, 2016 11am-2:00pm

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

Who: Over 1,000 members of the Paterson community will enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal in our soup kitchen, donated by The Market Basket in Franklin Lakes. Upon conclusion of their meal, all attendees will receive a free turkey donated by various individuals and organizations, including St. Francis Food Pantries (NYC); UPS (Wayne); St. Elizabeth's Church (Wyckoff); First Presbyterian Church (Caldwell); Saddle River Valley Junior Woman's Club (Saddle River); Fairway Market (Woodland Park); and Wyckoff-Midland Park Rotary (Wyckoff). Further support is provided by BAE Systems (Wayne).

Volunteers will include groups from Unilever (Englewood Cliffs), UPS (Wayne), Temple Shalom (West Essex); St. Joseph's Healthcare System (Paterson, Wayne, Cedar Grove), William Paterson University (Wayne), and New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

Special servers will include:

- U.S. Senator Cory Booker (1pm)
- Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter (12noon)
- Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, Director, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (11am)
- Paterson City Councilman Andre Sayegh (11am)
- Sandi Lazzara, Passaic County Freeholder (11am)

About Oasis - A Haven for Women and Children

Founded in 1997, *Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children* is a non-profit organization serving women, teens, and children living in need in the Greater Paterson area. Oasis works to break the cycle of poverty through programs designed to feed, clothe, educate and empower. Oasis serves over 600 women and children daily in adult education classes, workforce readiness training, youth development programs, and basic social services. Oasis provides the tools necessary for women and children to successfully move from poverty to self-sufficiency. For more information, visit www.oasisnj.org.