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Governor – Elect Chris Christie Reaches Out To The Homeless At Catholic Charities of The Archdiocese of Newark’s St. Lucy Shelter

December 15, 2009, 2009- Jersey City, NJ, Our Governor-Elect Chris Christie came to visit Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark’s St. Lucy’s shelter in Jersey City. The Governor-Elect, along with State Senator Sandra Cunningham and Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy toured the shelter with Catholic Charities’ CEO, Phillip Frese and Associate Executive Director, Elizabeth McClendon. After the tour, the Governor-Elect helped Catholic Charities’ employees prepare Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families.

“It was a pleasure to meet our Governor-Elect Christie at St. Lucy’s shelter which is one of our busiest shelters. It was so nice of him to spend time preparing food baskets for needy families. The Governor-Elect experienced first hand the need agencies like ours have during this economic crisis. We were very proud to have had Governor-Elect Christie visit.” said Catholic Charities CEO Phillip Frese.

Catholic Charities’ St. Lucy’s shelter is one of the largest homeless shelters in Hudson County. It has an 80-bed capacity and serves single men and women. St. Lucy’s impacts 511 people yearly. At the shelter, individuals are offered a forty-five day stay. During that time each resident receives case management services, supportive counseling, job readiness and mental health or addiction treatment. For more information about Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark please visit our website www.ccannj.com.



Left to right Catholic Charities CEO Phillip Frese, State Senator Sandra Cunningham and New Jersey Governor-Elect Chris Christie preparing Thanksgiving Food Baskets to distribute to needy families at Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Homeless Shelter in Jersey City, NJ.