



## USWU LOCAL 755 ORGANIZES A SERIES OF CHARITABLE DRIVES IN NEW JERSEY FOR SEASON OF GIVING

**Hackensack, NJ – November 30, 2021** – USWU Local 755, a union representing nearly 1,000 clerical and administrative employees working in Bergen County, has organized a series of local charitable drives taking place from November 2021 through February 2022. The donating items that include non-perishable food, a holiday turkey, toiletries, and socks will be distributed via regional charitable organizations throughout Bergen County. USWU Local 755 is affiliated with the International Union of journeymen and Allied Trades (IUJAT) that represents nearly 35,000 members in New York City and the surrounding region.

Local 755 members and leaders were inspired to embark on a longer-term charitable campaign by the holiday season and GivingTuesday, the world's largest generosity movement. Since 2013, GivingTuesday has united millions of people to support, and champion charitable causes they believe in.

Donations for all the charity drives can be dropped off at **USWU Local 755 Headquarters, One Bergen County Plaza Room 396, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.**

"These have been trying times for many struggling New Jersey families when you combine a pandemic, rising costs, and multiple severe weather events. As we usher in a new year, it's more important than ever that we come together as a community to help one another where we can, said **USWU Local 755 President Jackie Porzio**. She added, "We're so proud to work with important regional groups, such as Helping Hands Food Pantry, Franciscan Community Development Center and Church of the Epiphany, just to name a few, to play a small role in their greater charitable missions. The food and items we've collected so far will help so many good people in need."

From October 1 to November 8, Local 755 held its First Food Drive. The collection, which included boxes filled with non-perishable food items, was donated to the **Helping Hands Food Pantry** in Teaneck. A 19-pound turkey was also donated to the **Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center** in Hackensack, NJ.

Local 755 then organized a Toiletry Drive through the end of November. The drive is focused on aiding children in low-income communities, so they have greater access to personal hygiene products, which can be severely limited. The union is encouraging the public to donate items such as unopened shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and body washes and drop them off at union headquarters. All items collected will then be distributed to families in need through the **Franciscan Community Development Center of Fairview, NJ.**

To close out 2021, Local 755 will conduct its First Annual Cleaning Supplies and Paper Products drive. Collected items will be given to **Church of the Epiphany, Cliffside Park, NJ.** That will be followed in January by a Sock Drive to combat the cold of winter.

According to Porzio, "In a survey of homeless populations living in shelters, the number one requested clothing item was socks. There are just so many simple things that we take for granted in our daily lives that can make a tremendous impact on others in need. During this season of giving, Local 755 and its members want to do their part and encourage others to follow suit.

For the final drive, in February 2022, Local 755 will be collecting art supplies and inspirational movies for the **Spring House Female Halfway House**, which provides addiction treatment and rehab services such as inpatient drug rehab, long-term drug rehab, and others to clients from **Paramus, NJ.**

For more information about these efforts, how to get involved or to donate, visit the [USWU Local 755](#) or visit them on [Facebook](#).