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SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AND UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE TEAM UP FOR FOOD DRIVE

December 8, 2009-Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano, Sr., President of the Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey (SANJ) and Marshal James T. Plousis, United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey, have teamed up to announce a week-long joint Food Bank Drive to begin on Monday, December 14, 2009 and culminate on Monday, December 21, 2009. The Drive is honor of SANJ member Sheriff Kim Guadagno who has been elected Lt. Governor of New Jersey. At the most recent SANJ meeting, Sheriff Guadagno announced that this year there will be no inaugural ball; however, instead a dinner will be held with half the cost of each ticket to be donated to the local food bank. It is in this spirit of giving back, that the two agencies have decided to work together to donate to those in need this year.

Both Marshal Plousis and President Provenzano have pledged their agencies' participation by placing receptacles in each of the 21 Sheriffs' Offices and county courthouses and each of the federal courthouses as well. Once the food drive has been completed, each agency will donate the food collected to the local food bank in their area. Right now, millions of Americans are struggling with hunger. We all know and are in contact with people affected by hunger, even though we might not be aware of it.

For 1 in 8 Americans, hunger is a day to day reality. Although there is the belief the problem is confined to small areas of society, certain areas of the country, or certain neighborhoods, that is far from the truth. Those suffering from hunger are often hard-working adults, children and seniors who simply cannot afford the cost of living and are forced to go without food for several meals, or even days.

During this very tough time for those individuals, we urge you to donate what you can and wish everyone a very happy holiday season.
