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Re: Donations of food, gift certificates, clothing, hats, gloves, socks, or services for Hudson County's **Project Homeless Connect and Point in Time Count, January 29, 2008.**

Charitable Businesses and Organizations:

As a member of the Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness, I am writing to inform you of the Hudson County "Project Homeless Connect (PHC)" event. Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event where communities make food, clothing, and various services available to the homeless in their community. In order to make this event a success, the Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness (HCAEH) needs support from the entire community.

Providing the Homeless with services that they desperately need is a major element to Project Homeless Connect. It also offers members of the community that may have unique skills, an opportunity to volunteer. Doctors, Nurses and other healthcare professionals are encouraged to provide free medical screenings for the homeless at this event; hairdressers and barbers are needed to provide haircuts, manicurists may volunteer at the event to provide manicures; there is a major need for restaurant owners to provide prepared food for the homeless at the PHC site.

In addition, the HCAEH, a collaborative group of representatives from local government, the non-profit community, and the business sector, will ask agencies that provide HIV/AIDS testing, substance abuse counseling, and mental health counseling to be available on-site for those services at PHC. The HCAEH will also be reaching out to local schools, scout troops, and church groups to run sock, thermal underwear, food, hat, glove, and toiletry drives, so that those items can also be provided on the day of the event.

Understanding that the success of this event will rely heavily on community support, the HCAEH thanks you in advance for any support that you might be able to offer the less fortunate members of the Hudson County community. Again, your assistance and support may come in many forms including; volunteering to provide a unique service that you offer at the PHC site, volunteering to organize and direct people at the PHC site, donations of food items, prepared food, clothing, and socks, or by donating to the Alliance and helping to fund this event.

Please contact either of the persons listed below if you are interested in being a part of Hudson County's Project Homeless Connect in 2008!

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Sincerely,

HCAEH Homeless Count/Project Homeless Connect Sub-Committee