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**MEDIA ALERT
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FREE FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Egg Harbor Township, NJ – June 3, 2015 - The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, the state’s largest hunger relief organization, will hold a free public food distribution for anyone who can verify that they have received unemployment benefits at any point since January 2014.

If you are currently receiving unemployment benefits, or not, but have been unemployed sometime in the past 18 months, you are eligible to visit the Community FoodBank at 6735 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township, on **Saturday, June 20, between 10AM-Noon, or Noon to 2PM**, to pick up free food for you and your family. Information about how to receive additional free food in the future will also be available. Please call 609-383-8843, ext. 111 to schedule an appointment.

“As unemployment benefits have been running out, many families may be struggling needlessly to put food on the table,” says Kim Arroyo, Director of Programs and Agency Relations at the FoodBank. “We want to make sure that everyone is aware of where they can go to get help to feed their family and thought this event would be a good avenue to get the word out.”

“Through the generosity of several local corporations and foundations we still have resources available to help those affected by unemployment in our area,” stated Evelyn Benton, Executive Director of the FoodBank’s Southern Branch. “We want to make sure unemployed people are aware that they qualify for this benefit.”

The Southern Branch of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey distributes an average of 180,000 pounds of groceries each week to more than 250 partner charities throughout Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland Counties. More than 4.7 million times a year, someone in need is fed by the Community FoodBank of New Jersey and its partner charities throughout the state.

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