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City of Atlantic City Gives Away 500 Turkeys and Food Boxes, 500 Hot Meals to Seniors, 200 Items in Coat Drive

Atlantic City, N.J. (December 22, 2023) – Getting into the spirit of the holiday season, the City of Atlantic City Department of Health and Human Services held a Food Box Giveaway and Winter Coat Drive in the City Hall Courtyard on Thursday, December 21, 2023.

The food giveaway, organized by the Health and Human Service Department’s Senior Services division, was open to all Atlantic City residents, who were asked to register in advance. In total, 500 turkeys were distributed along with 500 food boxes, which contained potatoes, canned goods and additional holiday fixings. The Senior Services division also delivered 500 hot meals to seniors living in Atlantic City residential buildings.

Happening simultaneously with the food giveaway, the Department of Health and Human Services organized a Winter Coat Drive, allowing residents to pick up coats of all sizes. Winter hats, gloves and socks were also available. In total, around 200 items were distributed. The department had been collecting these items throughout December at City Hall.

“This is what it is all about this time of year, giving back to the people of the Great City of Atlantic City,” said Mayor Marty Small, Sr. “Our Health and Human Services Department has done an

excellent job serving our community, through the many services and programs we now offer, and events like these are just the icing on the cake for the Small administration's efforts to enrich the lives of our residents."

"It feels good to be able to give back in this way, especially during the holiday season," said Health and Human Services Director Jarrod Barnes. "Mayor Small's vision for our department is crystal clear, and that is to take care of our residents in every way possible. We look forward to continuing to do that every step of the way as we enter the new year."

Other divisions in the Department of Health and Human Services assisted with these events, including Youth Services, Multicultural Services and Recreation.

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