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**HUNGER ACTION DAY FOOD DONATION TO COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY
Ocean State Job Lot Kicks Off Annual Campaign with 35,000 Pounds to NJ Food Bank**

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This September, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, together with the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, mobilizes in an effort to bring an end to hunger. Hunger Action Month is designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of the fact that 42 million Americans, including 1 million New Jerseyans, face hunger every day.

Hunger Action Day, September 14, is a day when efforts across the country are focused for greater impact. This Hunger Action Day, Ocean State Job Lot joins us by kicking off its annual giving campaign with a food donation of 35,000 pounds to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

Ocean State Job Lot, a 127-store discount retail chain headquartered in Rhode Island and now in its 40th anniversary year, announced the 2017 Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation's Three Square Meals hunger-relief program throughout the Northeast. The program will distribute more than 200 tractor-trailer loads of food throughout the year to 19 food banks and pantries which, in turn, distribute nourishing food to people in need in their communities.

Funds for Three Square Meals are raised between November and December through a combination of in-store customer donations at the register, contributions from the business community and matching funds from the Job Lot Charitable Foundation. Job Lot then leverages its wholesale buying power and retailing expertise to purchase food at significant value. Food items to be distributed include pasta, cereal, canned vegetables and fruit, soup, canned tuna, dried beans, rice, and more.

"We are appreciative to receive this generous donation of healthy food from Ocean State Job Lot," said Debra Vizzi, President and CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "It's especially fitting that we receive the donation on Hunger Action Day, a day focused on taking action against hunger. This food will reach people in our communities who struggle with hunger every day."

Visit cfbnj.org/ham to learn more about Hunger Action Month at the FoodBank.

ABOUT COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY:

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, a member of Feeding America®, provides people across the state with food, help and hope. The FoodBank distributed over 50 million pounds of food last year to its more than 1,000 community partners including pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, mobile pantries, and child and senior feeding programs. More than 4.7 million times a year, someone in need is fed by the FoodBank's network of partners. For our neighbors, especially families, and for the volunteers and donors who support them, the Community FoodBank of New

Jersey is the powerful change agent that fills the emptiness caused by hunger with the basic human essentials people need to survive.

ABOUT OCEAN STATE JOB LOT:

Now in the 40th year of its founding in 1977, Ocean State Job Lot is a growing, privately held retail chain with 127 stores in New England, New York, and New Jersey, approximately 5,000 employees, and annual sales exceeding \$700 million. Job Lot sells brand name, first quality merchandise at closeout prices. Shoppers find an ever-changing array of household goods, apparel, pet supplies, seasonal products (holiday, gardening, patio, pool and beach supply), and kitchen pantry staples at a fraction of their typical price. The company was named by Forbes Magazine as a "Top Midsize Employer" in the country. The Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation has a long history of philanthropic leadership, placing emphasis on local food banks in communities where Job Lot operates stores. The Foundation also supports medical and literacy initiatives, disaster relief efforts, the performing arts, our military service men and women, and special needs and foster children. Ocean State Job Lot is headquartered at 375 Commerce Park Road in the Quonset Point Business Park, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Phone: (401) 295-2672; Web: <http://www.oceanstatejoblot.com>

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