

PRESS RELEASE

Food Bank of South Jersey receives over \$111K from Wegmans through Check Out Hunger campaign

Wegmans' Check Out Hunger campaign will help stock the Food Bank of South Jersey shelves during these difficult economic times.

Mt. Laurel, NJ, February 23rd, 2009: The Food Bank of South Jersey, committed to ending the hunger crisis in Southern New Jersey, received a check in the amount of \$111,936.74 from Wegmans of South Jersey (Mount Laurel and Cherry Hill). Wegmans' Front End Manager Jennifer Capillo, Service Team Leader Sherri Baker, and Service Manager David Culbert presented the check to the CEO of the Food Bank of South Jersey, Val Traore, at the Food Bank's headquarters in Pennsauken, New Jersey.



"We would like to thank everyone at Wegmans for their hard work and dedication to make this an extremely successful *Check Out Hunger* campaign," said Val Traore. "With this *Check Out Hunger* donation, the Food Bank of South Jersey will be able to help many more people suffering from food insecurity during these challenging times."

The \$111,936.74 was raised through the store's Fall 2008 *Check Out Hunger* campaign, which allows customers to donate \$1, \$2, \$3, or \$5 at checkout, with 100% of the proceeds going to the hunger relief efforts of the Food Bank of South Jersey.

"For contributions to increase 23% in an economy where consumers are struggling to stretch every dollar is remarkable," said Linda Lovejoy, Wegmans' community relations manager. "Even

though many consumers and employees are buying fewer discretionary items themselves, they seem to understand the vital role that food banks play in feeding families, and they've given generously."

About the Food Bank of South Jersey

The Food Bank of South Jersey is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit hunger-relief organization founded in 1985. Focused solely on the South Jersey region, the organization serves Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem counties. Now in its 22nd year of community service, the organization continues to serve as an agent for effective food rescue and charitable food distribution and has provided nearly 70 million pounds of food—the equivalent of 56 million meals—to thousands of families, seniors, individuals and children in need. It is a member of America's Second Harvest®, the nation's food bank network™ and the largest domestic hunger relief organization, as well as an affiliate of the United Way of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties.

About Wegmans

Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. is a 73-store supermarket chain with stores in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland. The family-owned company, founded in 1916, is recognized as an industry leader and innovator. Wegmans has been named one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" by FORTUNE magazine for eleven consecutive years, ranking #1 in 2005. In 2008, Wegmans ranked #3 on FORTUNE'S list.

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