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JFK Medical Center Food Drive a Well-timed Success

One ton of food donated to Food Pantry

Edison, NJ: During the week of August 14, JFK Medical Center held a food drive for Hands of Hope for the Community Food Bank in Edison. 34 departments at JFK and off-campus participated in the food drive, donating everything from pasta to cereal and canned goods. In total, the hospital collected 3 pallets of non-perishable food, an estimated ton of food.

“What people don’t realize is that as soon as the food comes in, we give it out,” says Jackie Goedesky, director of Hands of Hope. The food bank regularly feeds over 300 families a month in Middlesex County, but the summer months are particularly difficult ones because of high demand and low supply. Many donors are out of town, but children on summer vacation cannot take advantage of school breakfast and lunch programs that take much of the burden off families during the school year. These two factors put a huge burden on food banks to increase collection efforts in the summer or risk seeing needy families go hungry. The donation came at a particularly needy time, since the food bank is closed for Labor Day weekend and families would spend four weeks without another distribution.

“We thought we had enough food on the shelves to see us through the bimonthly distribution, but the donation from JFK Medical Center saved the day. The line was out the door and stayed that way throughout the day,” recounts Goedesky. “I don’t know what we would have done without the donation.” The success of the food drive exemplifies JFK Medical Center’s commitment to the families in our community and the caring nature of all of our employees and volunteers.

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treatment, teaching and research center offering advance treatment for complex neurological disorders. The JFK Imaging Center houses traditional and open air MRI capabilities and the Breast Center which offers comprehensive mammography services. Other services include the JFK Cancer Center with state-of-the-art radiation treatment, the Fitness Center and the Family Practice Center.

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