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### CWA LOCAL 1036 COLLECTS HALF TON OF FOOD FOR LOCAL AGENCY

1460 lbs. of food was collected in the past two weeks, by the stewards and generous members of Communications Workers of America Local 1036. The membership, under the direction of the Local's Community Services Committee chaired by Rhonda Collins, undertook a food drive to benefit the Mercer Street Friends Food Bank. Ms. Collins, a NJ State employee, said that "our members who participated in this food drive really had their spirits lifted by participating."

CWA Local 1036 represents approximately 8000 State, Municipal and County employees in NJ. Gail Richardson, Executive Vice President noted that while public employees have endured daily attacks by Governor Christie in the press and that have taken significant cuts in pay and benefits, these generous folk have found it in their hearts to give back to their communities.

Brian Peterson, Community Resource Liaison for the Mercer Street Friends Food Bank thanked Local 1036 and its' members for the impressive response and said, "It's one of the biggest donations we've recently received!"

Each and every week of the year, the Mercer Street Friends Food Bank distributes 50,000 pounds of food to over 50 area agencies and food pantries that provide nourishment to children, adults and seniors at risk for hunger. In a year, more than two and a half million pounds of food from the Food Bank reaches over 21,000 people.

The CWA Local 1036 Community Services Committee is looking forward to another drive in the near future.

#### PHOTO CAPTION:

CWA workers pictured left to right are Joe Novemsky, Rhonda Collins, Lisa Lynch, Joy Bastian, Marge Hunter and Gail Richardson.

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