

## **Provident Bank Partners with “Feeding Middlesex County,” A New Organization Fighting to End Hunger**

Before a crowd of 200 golfers guests from the Middlesex County Charity Golf Classic at Tamarack Golf Course on September 27, Jane Brady, the Chair of Feeding Middlesex County, accepted a \$2500 donation from the outing’s proceeds. This donation was the very first received by this new organization.

Among those presenting the donation check was Jason Conway, Vice President/Area Manager of Provident Bank. Provident Bank is the main sponsor of the Middlesex County Charity Golf Classic, and the event supports the New Jersey Institute for Disabilities and the Middlesex County College Veterans Program as well as Feeding Middlesex County. The September golf outing was the 10th year as main sponsor by Provident Bank, and over the 10 years, \$196,000 in total donations has been distributed to local charities through the Charity Golf Classic.

Feeding Middlesex County is a 501c3 non-profit newly formed to fund and support Middlesex County’s food bank, MCFOODS (Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services).

“On behalf of Feeding Middlesex County, I accepted this donation with gratitude,” commented Ms. Brady, “and we are moving forward with the intention of supporting MCFOODS by raising funds to buy food to supplement the food donations that MCFOODS receives annually.” She continued, “Our 501c3 status will also open up many doors because the designation allows money and food donations that were not previously available to government entities such as MCFOODS.”

The mission of Feeding Middlesex County is to support organizations that feed the hungry. This mission is based on the estimated 1 in 7 people of Middlesex County’s 740,000 population that are food insecure despite the intense efforts of local government and social services.

Feeding Middlesex County’s volunteer board members represent a cross-section of the local population from government, banking, education, commerce, agriculture and more. Yamille Chaves, Assistant Vice President of Provident, serves on the board as well the communications committee.

Feeding Middlesex County Chair, Jane Brady, concluded “Hunger is a year round struggle. Our new organization has the ability to raise public awareness and raise funds to help MCFOODS and the more than 100 members that fight food insecurity in Central New Jersey. Who wouldn’t want to help a neighbor going through hard times?”

If you would like to contribute to Feeding Middlesex County, please send a check to Feeding Middlesex County, P.O. Box 781, Edison, NJ 08818. If you would like to volunteer, please call 732-723-8106 or send an email to: [feedingmiddlesexcounty@gmail.com](mailto:feedingmiddlesexcounty@gmail.com).