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SENATOR SUE SERINO LAUNCHES ANNUAL 'SEASON OF GIVING' INITIATIVE

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HYDE PARK, NY – With the holiday season upon us, Senator Sue Serino is launching the annual "Season of Giving" initiative to provide a convenient way for community members to help support local organizations who are helping neighbors in need during this time. Items collected will be donated to the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, The Salvation Army in Poughkeepsie and Dutchess Outreach.

"This year has presented so many unique challenges to our friends and neighbors, and for organizations who do critical work through the Hudson Valley, making this 'Season of Giving' initiative all the more important," said Senator Sue Serino. "Year after year, our community has supported the 'Season of Giving' initiative in a big way, always reminding us what a supportive community we are fortunate to be a part of. Together, we can work to make the holiday season a little brighter for those who may need it most."

To meet the current needs of these community organizations, the following items are being collected as part of this year's 'Season of Giving' initiative:

• Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center:

- Twin bed sheets;
- Twin bed mattress covers;
- Twin bed comforters;
- Towels; and
- o Bed Pillows.

The Salvation Army:

Toys and activities for children ranging from 0 to 12 years old.

• Dutchess Outreach:

- Non-perishable food items (canned goods, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, etc.)
- Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)

<u>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only new and unused donations can be accepted during this year's drive.</u> Donations will be accepted from Monday, November 30th until Tuesday, December 15th.

Those interested in donating items can do so by dropping them off or mailing them directly to Senator Serino's Hyde Park Office (4254 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538). The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All visitors are kindly asked to wear a facemask or covering when entering the building. Residents who would prefer not to enter the building can call 845-229-0106, and a team member will meet them at their vehicle for a contactless drop-off. For those unable to deliver to the office, please call 845-229-0106 to arrange an alternate pick up location. Residents who wish to drop off donations to Senator Serino's Putnam Valley Office can do so by appointment by calling 845-528-0417. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation in support of the initiative must contact the non-profit organization directly.

For additional information, please call 845-229-0106 or email serino@nysenate.gov.