

New Jersey Department of Education Officials Collect and Deliver Gifts to Children at HomeFront

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Ewing Township, NJ – New Jersey Education Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet and Department staff today delivered gifts, as well as stuffed animals, clothing, non-perishable food and giftwrap for 114 children from 47 families at the HomeFront family campus in Ewing Township. Department staff had purchased the gifts as part of their annual toy drive.

Since its inception in 1991, HomeFront has worked to break the cycle of poverty and end homelessness in central New Jersey, serving thousands of Mercer County families.

In the past year alone, almost 14,000 heads of households walked through their front door looking for help. Started by volunteers providing meals for families without a stable home, HomeFront has since developed a holistic array of services for clients who are either homeless or at high risk of becoming so.

For more information about HomeFront visit their [website](#).

Below are photos and captions of today's holiday event.



Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet and Chief of Staff Kellie LeDet get ready to deliver toys to Homefront.



Department of Education toy drive organizers stand in front of the truck loaded with gifts. From left, Kristen Chiappetta, Kristen Bailey, Brianna Doherty, Stacy Rogers and Kristina Negrón.



Education Commissioner Repollet gives a toy to a child at the Homefront family campus.



Diane Shoener, Director of the Office of the State Board of Education, shares a gift with a child.



Deputy Assistant Commissioner Diana Pasculli talks with a girl at Homefront.

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