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INVITATION TO COVER

Fulfill to Break Ground on Major Warehouse Expansion in Neptune to Combat Rising Hunger in Monmouth & Ocean Counties

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Neptune, NJ – Food insecurity is rising across the Jersey Shore, with more than 120,000 residents in Monmouth and Ocean counties struggling to put meals on the table, according to Feeding America. To meet this urgent need, Fulfill, the food bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties and proud member of Feeding America, is breaking ground on a major expansion of its Neptune warehouse and cold storage facilities and announcing its \$29 million Path to Plenty Campaign to Fill the Healthy Food Gap.

This warehouse expansion, a component of Fulfill's *Path to Plenty Campaign*, will increase the distribution capacity by more than 13,000 square feet of warehouse space and nearly 5,000 square feet of cold storage. It will also create a new Volunteer Welcome Center. The campaign will also fund the expansion of other Fulfill programs that address the root causes of hunger in our area.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- Hunger in the region has grown significantly since the pandemic, with Fulfill distributing more food each year to keep up with the demand over 18 million pounds of food last year alone.
- This expansion is the largest infrastructure investment for Fulfill in decades and positions the food bank to serve 100,000+ neighbors more effectively.
- The announcement marks the public launch of the \$29 million "Path to Plenty" campaign to close the healthy food gap.

WHAT: Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fulfill's Warehouse Expansion

WHEN: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Fulfill Headquarters (Neptune, NJ)

3300 Route 66, Neptune, NJ 07753

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MEDIA:

- Groundbreaking ceremony with shovels and hard hats.
- Unveiling of warehouse renderings and design plans.

• Remarks from Fulfill President & CEO Triada Stampas, Board Chair Susan Kyrillos, and public officials, including NJ Secretary of Agriculture Edward Wengryn, NJ Senator Vin Gopal, and Monmouth County Commissioner Director Thomas Arnone.

EVENT LOGISTICS:

<u>Parking is available onsite</u> – all attendees should enter from the Route 66 entrance to Fulfill's Neptune facility. Additional parking is available at Verizon adjacent to the Fulfill property accessed via Wayside Rd.

For additional information or questions, contact Elisabeth Seaman at eseaman@fulfillnj.org. For more information about Fulfill, visit www.fulfillnj.org.

About Fulfill

Honoring its 40th anniversary, Fulfill, the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, has been dedicated to addressing hunger in the Jersey Shore community since 1984. As an active member of Feeding America, Fulfill proudly works with a network of nearly 300 partners, including soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters to provide 1.3 million meals per month to area residents, families, children, seniors and veterans in need. Committed to more than just food distribution, Fulfill also offers connections to affordable healthcare options, Medicaid, SNAP and other services to help neighbors lead healthy and self-sufficient lives. To learn more or become involved, visit www.fulfillnj.org.

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