



L TO R: Curtis Cottle, Officer Chantel Johnson, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Officer Daryl Johnson, Alan Abramowitz (not pictured)

ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S NOVEMBER TEAMWORK AWARD PROGRAM

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards to three Essex County employees, and an employee was presented with the Essex County Leadership Award. The following employees were commended for their dedication and commitment to serving the public.

Alan Abramowitz has worked for Essex County almost 30 years. He has performed every facet of the Essex County Office of Human Resources, and is therefore able to work alongside staff as they sort through the ever more complicated problems of increasing health benefit costs, a growing number of retirees and shrinking resources. He was honored with the Essex County Leadership Award for his accomplishments as Leader of Essex County's team that participated in this year's American Heart Walk. This year Essex County had the largest number of employees and friends walking in five years. More than 200 Essex County people hit the road, over \$15,000 was raised and for the 5th year in a row, the County brought home the trophy for the best representation by a governmental entity.

Curtis Cottle is a certified Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor with the Essex County Department of Health & Rehabilitation, Division of Community Health Services. As a Counselor in the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC), he is responsible for educating people about the importance of not drinking and driving. Cottle serves as a mentor to young men in an HIV Transitional Group Home where he counsels clients. Curtis was honored by the Mental Health Association of Union County with an award that acknowledged individuals "whose efforts have touched so many lives." He is pursuing an Associate Degree in Human Social Service at Essex County College so he can make an even greater contribution to the overall success of the Division.

Officer Daryl Johnson has been a Corrections Officer with the Essex County Department of Corrections for five years. Officer Johnson is assigned to Judge Harold Fullilove's courtroom where he provides security services for high profile cases. Well regarded by his supervisors and peers, he is often chosen to be the training officer for newly hired officers. Officer Johnson is an asset to the department, displaying a great sense of professionalism and dedication every day.