



L TO R: Gilbert Rodriguez, Moriha Harmon, Tim Garrigan, Brenda Williamson, Chris Krno, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Betty Mirda and Philip Landolfi

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

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards to two Essex County employees and one student attending the Essex County Vocational Technical School District. Teamwork Awards recognize employees for their hard work, dedication and willingness to provide quality service and highlights the achievements of students attending the County's Vocational Schools.

Moriha Harmon, a senior in the TV & Video Production shop at Essex County Bloomfield Tech, is involved in many extracurricular and community service activities. She is a member of the Student Council, Girls' Basketball Team and the Poetry, STAND and Future Business Leaders of America clubs and volunteered at the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk in Essex County Branch Brook Park. Harmon has taken full advantage of opportunities to showcase her production skills as a student in the Essex County Vocational School district. She is currently a crew member for "Inside Essex County," a cable television show that highlights Essex County events and programs, and has done a live taping of the Bloomfield Harvest Festival as a member of the Channel 35 film crew. During the summer months Moriha continues to work on "Inside Essex County" and is interning in the County Executive's Office.

Betty Mirda works in the Essex County Department of Economic Development, Division of Training and Employment, where she is responsible for coordinating the assessment testing schedules for the entire Essex County One-Stop Center. She was instrumental in creating additional testing time slots to the schedule by making testing available in the evenings to better serve those who cannot come during the regular work day.

Brenda Williamson began her tenure with the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Welfare in 1974 as a Clerk and has worked her way up through the ranks. Brenda oversees the Quality Assurance Unit, which audits work in welfare offices to target errors before they occur. She analyzes random moment surveys in conjunction with Employees Services to ensure proper disbursement of State funding for salaries. Brenda is known as the "go-to" person for resolving landlord/tenant disputes and handling client complaints in the office. In addition to her responsibilities, she also serves as the Division's liaison for the Annual Essex County Open House.

In addition to the Teamwork Awards, the County Executive presented Certificates of Appreciation to four employees. Parks employee **Tim Garrigan** and Public Works employees **Philip Landolfi** and **Gilbert Rodriguez** were recognized for assisting with the Third Annual Food Drop that the County co-sponsors with Verona native and Miami Dolphins Tight End Anthony Fasano and Feed the Children. Garrigan, Landolfi and Rodriguez unloaded three tractor trailers of food and personal care items so they could be distributed to 1,200 needy families. **Chris Krno** is the superintendent at the Essex County Francis Byrne Golf Course. He was recognized for the