Without our luncheons, we have not been able to hold our charitable collections. Over the past year, however, charitable organizations have been stretched to the limits just to feed the increased number of families who turn to them. We have researched a number of these resources to determine how we could make our best impact. From a long list, we chose the following for their scope, urgency, and reputation. We feel these organizations will meet the greatest needs. Two are for food pantries and two for more services. We will retain our longer list for future endeavors.

We hope anyone who is able will contribute. Our charter does not allow for us to pool cash for this activity, so please make your donation in your name, not our association.

Food Pantries

 <u>The Food Bank of South Jersey</u>, 1501 John Tipton Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110 <u>www.foodbanksj.org</u> (856) 662-4884 They collect, sort, and distribute food to the frontline organizations.

You can send checks by mail or they have a donation button on their website, where you can make donations by credit card.

2. The Community Food Bank of NJ www.cfbnj.org

- State headquarters: 31 Evans Terminal, Hillside, NJ 07205 (908) 440-7160
- Southern Branch of this food bank: 6735 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234 (609) 383-8843

This is the organization Cory Booker has highlighted because they provide food, assistance for becoming qualified for services, **AND** training in culinary and life skills used for this program and to lift them up to provide for themselves and their families.

They have a donation button on their website.

Other Services

1. <u>NJ 2-1-1</u> info@nj211.org Dial 2-1-1 or 877 652-1148 (rotary phones-877 746-5211), TTY users dial 7-1-1 first.

NJ 2-1-1 Partnership is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 organization in need of your support. NJ 2-1-1 helps people throughout our state find the services they need. Call specialists respond to citizens who need food; clothing; shelter; medical services; financial assistance; day care services; respite care; treatment centers and so much more. People can call here when they do not know where else to turn.

NJ211 is a subsidiary of the United Way of NJ. Donations can be made right on their website.

- 2. Catholic Charities 383 West State St., Trenton 08607-1423, 800 360-7711 serves these:
 - Mercer Community Services Food Pantry 73 North Clinton Ave., Trenton 08609 (M-F 9:30-11:30 AM) 609 394-8847
 - Burlington Community Services Food Pantry 450-460 Veteran's Dr., Burlington 08016 (M, T, Th 9:30-11:30 AM & 1:30-3:30 PM) 856 764-6940
 - Ocean Community Services Food Pantry 200 Monmouth Ave., Lakewood 08701 (M-Th 9AM 12PM) 732 363-5322
 - Monmouth County Transitional Housing 4261 NJ-33, Tinton Falls 07753 732 922-0400

In addition to the food pantries, this charity also provides clothing, temporary housing, crisis counselling, vocational training, and financial literacy.

The website has a button for monetary donations or Text-to-Give (Text: **cctrenton** to 243725). DAF (donor advised fund) link also on the site.

They will also pick-up cars (in any condition) as a donation. See link on the website or call.