

## PRESCHOOL DELIVERS ON “HOLIDAY HUNGER” FOOD DRIVE

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To benefit the hungry children of our area this Thanksgiving holiday, The Goddard School for Early Childhood Development, located at 255 Route 70 in Toms River, delivered almost 600 pounds of non-perishable food to the MONOC Food Bank today -- as part of the Food Bank's Thanksgiving food drive, the “2008 Holiday Hunger Challenge.”

By volunteering to collect donations of non-perishable food items, like some of the other schools throughout the area, Ms. Dana Chibbaro, owner-operator of the school, and all the teachers at the school, serve to help the Food Bank distribute food to more than 100,000 hungry residents each month, including more than 40,000 youngsters.



*Dana Chibbaro (left), of the Route 70 Goddard School in Toms River, gets a “Thanksgiving” handshake from Bryan at the MONOC Food Bank for delivering 600 pounds of food as part of the Holiday effort. (Photo courtesy of Ray D.)*

It's no surprise that more families need help to put food on their table for the holidays this year. And, although faltering economic conditions are at the heart of this tragedy, it is no big secret that most of those in need of food may also be hungry year-round, not just for the current season.

It seems more and more members of the middle class have been forced into joining the ranks of the hungry, because ‘hunger never takes a holiday or a vacation’, echo all the Goddard teachers.