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JERSEY CITY STUDENTS LIGHT THE WAY

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HelpLight New Jersey Donates 575 Light Bulbs
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Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the Municipal Council, and HelpLight NJ recently delivered 575 light bulbs on Friday, December 12, 2008 to senior citizens residing at Berry Gardens Community Hall at 92 Danforth Avenue in Jersey City. HelpLight New Jersey, an organization founded by high school students John Caddock and Matthew Erickson, initially began distributing light bulbs to local food pantries and senior centers.

Now they provide donations to the largest public housing communities in New Jersey by raising money to distribute energy-efficient CFL bulbs to needy and older families. They also spread awareness about the dangers of climate change and the importance of energy conservation to other high school students in hopes of making a difference.

“I commend the efforts of John Caddock and Matthew Erickson for starting HelpLight New Jersey,” said Mayor Healy. “The mission of HelpLight New Jersey is raising awareness for energy conservation and their distribution of light bulbs assists seniors and families in reducing their electricity bills. Their contribution not only benefits those in our community, but also helps protect our environment.”

With the help of a grant from the New Jersey Clean Energy Program, HelpLight New Jersey is distributing more than 60,000 energy saving compact fluorescent lamps between September 1 and December 31, 2008.

Global warming is the most significant environmental challenge and wasteful energy consumption is perhaps the largest contributor to global warming. The easiest and most effective step to reduce energy consumption is to make the change from incandescent bulbs to CFL light bulbs which use 75% less energy than an incandescent bulb and lasts 10 times longer, thereby saving money on a home's energy bills. Each CFL will save the user more than \$45 over the life of the bulb.

HelpLight New Jersey working to reverse global warming by helping low- and middle-income families and individuals make the switch from incandescent bulbs to energy efficient compact fluorescent lights. HelpLight New Jersey helps thousands of families to lower their energy bills and gives them an opportunity to actively contribute to global warming solutions. For more information or to get involved visit www.helplightnj.co