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**FIRST LADY CHIRLANE MCCRAY AND U.S. SENATOR KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND  
DISTRIBUTE TURKEYS TO FOOD INSECURE NEW YORKERS AT BED-STUY  
COALITION AGAINST HUNGER**

**NEW YORK**— First Lady Chirlane McCray visited the Bed-Stuy Coalition Against Hunger in Brooklyn today to hand out turkeys to food insecure New Yorkers. She was joined by U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

“Far too many families go hungry every day. The holiday season draws attention to this fact, but it’s not about Thanksgiving, it’s about how neighbors can help their neighbors every day of the year,” said **First Lady Chirlane McCray**. “Food pantries and soup kitchens, like Bed-Stuy Coalition Against Hunger, are working their hardest with limited resources to serve thousands of clients every month. Now is the time for us all to think about what we can do as a city to address this growing problem.”

With the holiday approaching, BSCAH is serving more than its average 2,000 weekly visitors. But even for the city’s largest food pantry, it’s difficult to meet demand. Brooklyn alone is home to 500,000 food insecure people. In the Bronx, every 1 in 5 people are food insecure.

“It was a pleasure to volunteer today at Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger with two extraordinary women, my friend, Chirlane McCray, and Dr. Melony Samuels,” said **Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**. “As we get ready to start the holiday season, it’s important to support those families in need who don’t have food to put on a Thanksgiving table. I hope anyone who is able will find even an hour to volunteer during the holiday season helping others. I can’t thank everyone enough here at Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger, Dr. Samuels and the countless volunteers giving their time and energy to those most in need.”

BSCAH’s clients are primarily single mothers, seniors, and individuals with barriers to mental and physical health. In addition to its pantry, the center provides health and nutrition classes and medical screenings for visitors. Staff assist clients in enrolling for SNAP and health insurance programs, as well as provide tax assistance.

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