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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to extend greetings to all those gathered for the "*Celebrating our Past, Embracing our Future*" Gala, hosted by the Jewish Educational Center.

For 76 years, the Jewish Educational Center has been committed to improving the lives of young people throughout the State of New Jersey. By instilling its values in its array of secular and religious educational programs, the Jewish Educational Center helps prepare students for a professional life in the 21st century. As Governor, I commend all those involved with the Jewish Educational Center for their support of this important organization, and applaud those who will continue its mission into the future.

Special recognition is in order for tonight's honorees: Dr. Aryeh and Myra Pirak, *Grandparents of the Year*; David and Sarah Goldstein, *Parents of the Year*; and David and Debra Schiff, recipients of the *Family Legacy Award*. New Jersey is fortunate to benefit from such an accomplished group of individuals who have not only made lasting contributions to the Jewish Educational Center, but serve as a model of leadership for all residents across our State.

Best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie".

Chris Christie
Governor