EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP - Paul McCloskey and Matthew Zarozny of Genuardi's in Egg Harbor Township will be purchasing and donating 50 turkey dinners to families of Habitat for Humanity Atlantic County. "We are very grateful for the support that Genuardi's gives helping to ensure that Habitat families and a number of other families in need will enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner knowing that others care," stated Debbie Van Sant, the organization's spokesperson.

Five years ago the Genuardi's staff started a tradition of collecting and donating their personal funds to purchase turkey dinners to be donated to charitable organizations. "Due to the effects of Super Storm Sandy and the number of families who are struggling through these difficult economic times, Store Manager PaulMcCloskey and Meat Department Manager Matthew Zarozny decided to continue the tradition this year using their personal funds," she stated. "Matthew said that he just didn't have the heart to ask employees to give to the fund this year. A number of their own employees have been affected by Sandy as well. The employee's generosity has the potential of feeding 300 people in Atlantic County. Matthew says that he is very blessed to have a wonderful wife and two daughters and this is his way of giving back and paying it forward.

"He also states that Genuardi's and the community have been very good to him throughout the years. Matthew has worked at Genuardi's for ten years and has high praise for his coworkersand customers. We would like to thank managers Paul McCloskey and Matthew Zarozny and the entire staff for their efforts in supporting our cause."

Van Sant said it is going to take a long time to rebuild homes and businesses affected by Sandy. "We are in it for the long haul and hope to help as many families as possible. Habitat for Humanity has already begun mobilizing relief efforts and planning a strategy for rebuilding. The sheer number of families that are displaced and living in homes that are unsafe is huge. We will be a part of the rebuilding process. There are programs in place within Habitat for Humanity to help families in Atlantic County. Individuals like Paul and Matt are such an encouragement to us. In the midst of destruction and devastation we've experienced people coming together to help others. In some ways, Sandy has brought out the best in many people. We are so very thankful."

For more information and to make a donation to benefit victims of Sandy, visit www.achabitat.org