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**Orange County Executive Neuhaus accepts \$175,000 check from
ShopRite for County's Veterans Food Pantry**

*Veterans Food Pantry is housed at the ShopRite Supermarket in Montgomery,
making weekly deliveries to the homes of veterans*

Goshen, N.Y. – Tom Urtz, Vice President of Operations of ShopRite Supermarkets Inc. presented Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus with a check for \$175,000 to for the County's Veterans Food Pantry.

The event, held at ShopRite in Chester, kicked off ShopRite's ninth annual Veterans Fundraising Campaign, which will run through July 15th. Donations will be collected at ShopRite stores throughout the Hudson Valley to benefit several local veterans' organizations within the communities its stores serve.

"We want to thank ShopRite again for its commitment to local veterans," Neuhaus said. "ShopRite has always been a dedicated partner when it comes to enhancing the quality of life of our veterans and should be commended for its community service. We will never forget what our veterans have done for us."

In 2016, ShopRite raised \$765,000 to benefit local veterans' organizations, and has raised more than \$2.8 million since the campaign's 2009 inception. The 2017 campaign will benefit local veterans' organizations including, but not limited to the Committee for the Families of War Veterans, Hudson Valley Honor Flight and the Orange County Veterans Food Pantry.

"Supporting our local veterans and fighting hunger within the communities our stores serve are two especially important initiatives for our ShopRite team," Urtz

said. “We are proud to present this donation to the Orange County Veterans Food Pantry County, made possible by the generosity of our customers and the hard work of our associates, and we thank County Executive Neuhaus for being such a wonderful partner with ShopRite.”

The Orange County Veterans Food Pantry, which is housed at the ShopRite Supermarket in Montgomery, makes weekly deliveries to the homes of veterans. Food Pantry participants receive non-perishable food items, as well as essential household supplies.

This program is open to active duty, surviving family members, National Guard, Reservists, veterans and their spouses. For more information on the Veterans Food Pantry, call the County’s Veterans Service Agency (VSA) at 291-2470, or log onto www.OrangeCountyGov.com/Veterans.

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(From left to right): Jerrold Oser, 9th District American Legion Vice Commander, Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus, Jerry Novobilski, Chester ShopRite Store Director, Orange County American Legion Commander Frank Gilner, Tom

Urtz, Vice President of Operations of ShopRite Supermarkets Inc. and Paul Oser, 9th District American Legion Membership Director, at ShopRite of Chester on Friday, May 26th.