

Holiday Giving Project of Montgomery County—2016

Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays

What is the Holiday Giving Project?

The Holiday Giving Project has been serving Montgomery County residents in need of additional help at the holidays for over 30 years. Individuals and families are referred by social service agencies, schools, and health professionals through a secure database. Coalitions of nonprofit agencies divide the county's zip codes and take responsibility for meeting the needs of persons referred within their zip code. With the help of individuals and groups, the coalition is able to provide holiday meals, holiday baskets, gift cards, toys, etc. By coordinating the efforts of so many generous groups and individuals in Montgomery County, we are able to reach more people in need each year. In recent years, the coalition has served over 7,000 families in a single holiday season.

What Goes Into a Holiday Basket?

A "Holiday Basket" is meant to be all the fixings of a holiday meal for a family. It is a festive gift to help make the holidays brighter for families in need. Your Holiday Basket can be a turkey and all the traditional trimmings, a grocery store gift certificate, or some combination of food and a gift certificate. The traditional Holiday Basket is a box and/or grocery bags including the following:

Holiday Basket for family of 6

- Gift certificate (\$10–\$20) for meat or other perishables - **buy your gift card from sisterhood scrip!**
- Boxed potatoes
- Stuffing
- Boxed bread or biscuits
- Canned yams
- Canned vegetables
- Pie filling and pie crust or boxed pie shell

Extras (optional):

- Holiday candies
- Napkins
- Centerpiece
- Appetizers
- Snacks
- Juices

Fun Ideas from Past Donors:

- Use reusable grocery bag to arrange food & gifts.
- Fill a household bucket with potholders, non-perishable food, a grocery store gift card and holiday-theme kitchen towels.
- Include a disposable pan for cooking the turkey.

A Wider Circle

Center for Community Service: 9159-C Brookville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Completed baskets & individual food items can be dropped off at the Shaare Tefila office

Thanksgiving: Sunday, November 20, 2016 by Noon

Questions:

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