ADOPT-A-FAMILY

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Dear Donor,

As we start a new holiday season, we would like to invite you to participate in the Reading Adopt-A-Family program. This is the annual program that matches anonymous donors and recipients for Thanksgiving dinner ingredients, holiday dinner ingredients and/or gifts for children under 18 years of age. The AAF program has been helping Reading residents for over 29 years, and we hope you will be able to make a difference this year in the lives of your neighbors.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets typically include **FROZEN** turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, breads, desserts and often paper goods or table decorations. All these frozen or non-perishable fixings should be packed in boxes, lidded plastic container or laundry basket whose overall weight must not exceed 30 pounds and must be able to fit in the back seat of a car. If you choose to participate in the Thanksgiving Food Program, notifications will be sent out the week of November 9, 2016. Donors will learn the number of adults/teens/children in their assigned family, as well as any special food issues.

Christmas/Holiday Food Baskets typically include **FROZEN** turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, breads, desserts and often paper goods or table decorations. All these frozen or non-perishable fixings should be packed in a large box, lidded plastic container or laundry basket whose overall weight must not exceed 30 pounds and must be able to fit in the back seat of a car. If you choose to participate in the Christmas/Holiday Food Program, notifications will be sent out the week of November 21, 2016. Donors will learn the number of adults/teens/children in their assigned family, as well as any special food issues.

Christmas/Holiday Gift participants will receive a detailed "wish list" from their assigned family, including age and gender of each child. Recipients are requested to be as specific as possible, including advertisements from toy stores, titles of movies, musicians and books, sizes and styles. Gifts must be new, unwrapped and Santa-approved. Gift wrap, bags and cards are a nice addition. Suggested gift totals for each child is approximately $75, but can vary depending on the age and wishes of the child. If you choose to participate in the Christmas/Holiday Gift Program, notifications will be sent out the week of November 21, 2016. Donors will learn the number of teens/children in their assigned family and their respective wish lists.

If donors wish to include "extras" in their baskets, some nice ideas include gift cards, grocery cards, holiday decorations, cooking pans and supplies, food staples, movies (age appropriate) or books. Please feel free to contact us if you have an idea and want to discuss it. We love new ideas!

Thanksgiving Food Baskets need to be delivered to the Reading DPW Garage (New Crossing Road) on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 between 8:00am and 9:30am. Christmas/Holiday Food and Gift Baskets need to be delivered to the Reading DPW (New Crossing Road) on Thursday, December 22, 2016 between 8:00am and 9:30am.

If you are able to participate, please fill out and return the attached form by October 26, 2016. Again, please contact us with any questions or concerns. ReadingAAF@gmail.com or 781-942-6680. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The Reading Rotary Club & ReadingCares