

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
732-531-2600**

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

THANKSGIVING 2008

Each year, the Township provides at least 80 resident families with food “baskets” during the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Food “baskets” (technically boxes) are collected through the schools, from volunteer organizations and from individuals. These “baskets” are then delivered to our residents who have expressed a need.

Donating a complete “basket” in early November to accommodate a family of 4 to 6 persons can provide assistance. Volunteers are also needed to deliver prepared “baskets” on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 23rd). Any and all assistance would be appreciated.

The non-perishable items below (in quantities for a family of 4 to 6) assist in providing a holiday meal and food for subsequent meals. Any additional items would also be appreciated but please note that only items that have a shelf life should be included.

- ☉ Stuffing
- ☉ Canned Vegetables
- ☉ Boxed Potatoes
- ☉ Cranberry Sauce
- ☉ Canned Fruit
- ☉ Cereal
- ☉ Instant Meals
- ☉ Desserts
- ☉ Pasta
- ☉ Pasta Sauce
- ☉ Peanut Butter
- ☉ Jelly
- ☉ Instant Coffee
- ☉ Instant Hot Chocolate
- ☉ Boxed Juices
- ☉ Cookies/Fruit Snacks
- ☉ Soups

*** Please check the expiration dates on all food items to assure the very best quality for our recipients.*

**AREA MERCHANTS PROVIDE GIFT CERTIFICATES TO BE USED
TO PURCHASE A TURKEY OR OTHER PERISHABLE ITEMS.**

If you would like to assist with this endeavor that benefits our residents, please contact Rose or Diane at the Department of Human Services at 732-531-2600 by October 14th. Thank you.