

Another Successful Year for the Holiday Food and Gift Basket Program

Thanks to the generosity and support of so many in River Forest and Oak Park, the 2010 Holiday Food and Gift Basket (HFGB) program successfully served 971 households - more than 2200 people representing family members, senior citizens and single adults. Everyone in the program received a food gift certificate prior to Thanksgiving and holiday gifts in December. The gratitude of the recipients is summed up in the thank you note from one who said to his sponsor "I appreciate that there are people in the world like you."

A special thanks is due to so many whose support is invaluable to the HFGB - Oak Park and River Forest Township Youth Services who help fund the program; the River Forest Township and the River Forest Community Center who provide office space; United Lutheran Church who serves as the staging site for gift drop-off, organization and delivery; and, of course, the hundreds and hundreds of local residents who donate funds or shop to fulfill wish lists, volunteer or deliver gifts throughout the two communities.

Financial donations are always welcome to help defray the cost of food gift certificates which will again be provided to program recipients next Thanksgiving. Checks can be made out to Holiday Food and Gift Basket and mailed to HFGB, P.O. Box 3365, Oak Park IL 60303.

For more information, contact holidaybasket@hotmail.com.