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Dear Friend of Pernet Families,

Amazingly, last year's HOLIDAY PROGRAMS for our clients reached about 350 families. Without your help, this MIRACLE would never have happened.

Every canned good and turkey, every gift for a child was donated by generous and caring people like you. And every donation was passed along to needy families with the help of dedicated volunteers.

This year promises to be more challenging than ever for two obvious reasons:

- Most of our families struggle to keep a roof overhead and food on the table, and cannot afford a Thanksgiving basket and Christmas gifts for their children. As a result, we expect just as many requests as last year—or perhaps more.
- Our donors – generous churches and synagogues, schools, businesses, family groups, and individuals – are themselves facing hard economic times.

Despite these realities, over the years of offering holiday assistance we've learned that generosity *always* matches need – in exact proportion. However you can help, along with your donation of money, goods, or time, we will *pass along* your caring spirit, the most important gift of all.

Here are some specific ways you can get involved:

- ✓ **Contribute items to our Thanksgiving baskets.** We need the following:
 - turkeys or \$10 gift cards to local supermarkets
 - 5-lb. bags of potatoes
 - 2-lb. bags of onions
 - 1-lb. bags of carrots
 - canned peas
 - canned green beans
 - canned corn
 - canned cranberry sauce
 - boxes of stuffing mix
 - gravy (cans, jars, or mixes)
 - brownie or cake mix
- ✓ **“Adopt” a family for Christmas.** We will send you their children's “wishes” as suggestions, to make your shopping easy. Gifts are in the \$20-\$25 range for each child, and \$25 gift cards for a “family gift.”
- ✓ **Volunteer to sort, organize, and/or deliver baskets and gift bags.**

We look forward to the 2010 holiday season of sharing, thanking you in advance for being a part of this annual MIRACLE at Pernet Family Health Service.

God bless you and your family,

Sister Gemma Mary

Sister Gemma Mary, LSA

REPLY FORM: Please return this form to Pernet by October 29.

I want to help MAKE HOLIDAYS SPECIAL for Pernet families! I have enclosed a MONETARY DONATION to help defray the overall cost of the Holiday Program at Pernet.
Amount enclosed: \$_____

THANKSGIVING BASKET DONATION: Thanksgiving donations are due to Pernet by Wednesday, November 17.

I can donate the following items for the Thanksgiving Basket program at Pernet:

#_____ Complete Thanksgiving basket/s including turkey or gift card	#_____ canned green beans
#_____ Turkeys or \$10 gift cards to local supermarkets	#_____ canned corn
#_____ 5-lb. bags of potatoes	#_____ canned cranberry sauce
#_____ 2-lb. bags of onions	#_____ boxes of stuffing mix
#_____ 1-lb. bags of carrots	#_____ cans of gravy
#_____ canned peas	#_____ brownie mixes
	#_____ other items: _____

I can help with the Thanksgiving basket program in the following way (check all that apply):

____Pick up donations at various locations (Week of November 15-19)
____Deliver Thanksgiving baskets (Saturday, 11/20, through Tuesday, 11/23)

I can help with the Christmas program in the following way (check all that apply)

____Adopt #_____ families to shop for Christmas gifts. *We will contact you about the process and deadlines.*

____Donate the following other items as Christmas gifts for children and parents (*Due to Pernet by December 13*):

____Sort Christmas gifts (Sunday, 12/12 through Friday, 12/17).
____Deliver Christmas gifts (Monday, December 13 through Monday December 20)

Contact Information:

Name _____ Email address _____

Organization _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

Cell # _____ Fax # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please mail or fax this form to Yildiz Laza, Pernet Family Health Service, 237 Millbury Street, Worcester, MA 01610. Fax: (508) 797-3477. Questions: Paulette Lacoste, (508) 755-1228 placoste@pernetfamilyhealth.org THANK YOU!