



2013 WFCM Holiday Food Assistance Program

To Sponsor a family please email Jennie Bush at jbush@wfcmba.org

After you have emailed Jennie and received the contact information for your assigned family, here are some guidelines:

Call the Family Immediately

- Notify the family that you are sponsoring them and verify the address and apartment number. People seeking assistance are eager to know that they will receive help.
- Set the delivery or pickup date and time, and tell the family someone must be home or pick up their food.
- Verify any dietary restrictions, requests, and family size before you start to purchase items for the family.
- Inform them that they must contact you if there are any changes to their address and/or phone number prior to delivery date.
- You are welcome to include grocery gift cards instead of a turkey/ham, but please check with the family to ensure they can get to the store.

Problems Contacting or Communicating with the Family

- Contact jbush@wfcmba.org to double check the phone number. Often these families buy minutes on a cell phone and if their minutes have run out, it may not be possible to reach them.
- WFCM does not have translators; however, we do recommend using online translators (yahoo) to help you communicate. Please contact jbush@wfcmba.org for a sample English to Spanish script if needed.

Food Suggestions (Families Also Welcome Grocery Gift Cards):

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| ➤ A sturdy box, reusable shopping bags, plastic bin, or storage container | ➤ Gravy |
| ➤ Turkey, ham, chicken, or grocery gift card for meat | ➤ Canned vegetables and fruit |
| ➤ Lettuce, celery, onions, potatoes (white or sweet) | ➤ Pies, nut breads, cookies, brownies, cake mixes and frosting |
| ➤ Apples, oranges, or other fruit | ➤ Other pantry items children might enjoy: macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, snack bars, and crackers |
| ➤ Rolls or bread, butter | ➤ Sugar, flour, oil |
| ➤ Stuffing (box or bag) | ➤ Fruit Juice |
| ➤ Cranberry Sauce | |