

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Fall 2010

Donate Now for 2010 Holidays

We expect to serve 1,500 families in November and December. Can you help?

Donate NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

By donating food items—and unwrapped gifts—you'll make the holidays brighter for local families served by MSS. See page 2 for lists of recommended items. Your donations make our holiday program possible!

Donate \$\$ ONLINE

Make fast secure donations at www.metrocrest-socialservices.org. Your monetary donations enable us to purchase food in bulk and at a discount.

Two FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Families with small children may participate in two ways during the holidays by either:

- Helping with family-style projects on December 7 and 14 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Call 972-446-2100 x 19 in advance to register for a 1-hour shift OR
- Shopping as a family, purchasing recommended items, packing a box (available at MSS) and returning by December 15.

Donations of GENTLY-USED COATS needed!

New and gently-used clean coats for all ages and sizes are in high demand during the holiday distribution. Donations received by December 15 are included in our holiday distribution and will bring warmth to families over the winter.

Schedule DONATION DRIVES now!

Groups are encouraged to collect food or gifts. Lists of needed items and deadlines for donating are on page 2 and available for download at www.metrocrestsocialservices.org. Call in advance to request pick up of large quantity donations. Thank you!

Contact Nicole Newkham at nnewkham@metrocrestsocialservices.org or visit www.metrocrestsocialservices.com for additional holiday program information.

WHAT to donate? See page 2
WHERE to donate? See page 4

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 19

Deadline for Thanksgiving food

December 15

Deadline for holiday food/gift donations

SAVE THE DATE

April 12, 2011

Keyholder Breakfast

Sign up for our **Key Notes** e-newsletter at www.metrocrestsocialservices.org

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HOLIDAY FOOD DONATION DRIVE

Listed below are food items that are packed in boxes for distribution to families during the holidays. You can help by purchasing these items and delivering to Metrocrest Social Services.

Want to deliver pre-packed boxes to us? See instructions online. For large donations, call in advance to arrange a pickup.

DEADLINE for Thanksgiving donations: November 19
DEADLINE for December donations: December 15

Canned Food

- Canned pinto or green beans
- Canned corn
- Canned fruit or juice
- Canned meat or chili
- Canned pasta with meat sauce
- Canned tomato sauce or diced tomatoes
- Canned soup
- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken or seafood
- Canned evaporated milk
- Peanut butter

Dried Food

- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Boxed pasta
- Boxed instant potatoes
- Flavored rice or pasta mix
- Dried rice in 2 lb. bags
- Dried beans in 2 lb. bags
- Sugar in 2 lb. bags
- Ramen or instant soup packs
- Boxed Jello or pudding

No glass or perishables!

Questions? Contact Nicole Newkham at 972-446-2100 x19 or newkham@metrocrestsocialservices.org. **Thank you!**



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GIFT DRIVE for the HOLIDAYS

Collect and donate unwrapped holiday gift items for local families served by Metrocrest Social Services by the **December 15 deadline**. For large donations, call in advance to arrange a pickup.

Infant gifts

- Sleepers & toddler clothes
- Push, pull, or riding toys
- Play gyms
- Car seats
- Educational games

Children's gifts

- Trucks & cars
- Remote control toys
- Disney character toys
- Tricycles & bikes

Family gifts

- Baby dolls & accessories
- Play dish sets & Nerf toys
- DVDs & CDs
- Pajamas & sweatshirts
- Fishing poles & equipment
- Scooters, skateboards & helmets

Preteen & Teen gifts

- Sports & college apparel
- Radios, cameras & MP3 players
- Gym bags & sports equipment
- Wallets, jewelry & watches
- DVDs & CDs
- Curling irons & hair dryers
- Nail & cosmetic sets
- Gift cards for WalMart, Target & Payless Shoe Source
- Comforters, blankets & sheets
- Pillows, towels & sleeping bags
- Small household appliances
- Pots, pans & tableware
- Boxed sets of glasses & dishes
- DVD players
- Pre-paid phones

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Yes! I will give to help families in crisis who need help today.

Enclosed is my **ONE TIME** gift of \$_____.

I will commit to a **MONTHLY PLEDGE** to Metrocrest Social Services. Enclosed is my first gift of

\$10 \$25 \$50 Other \$_____.

My check is enclosed made payable to Metrocrest Social Services.

Make a secure on-line donation at
www.metrocrestsocialservices.org

Please charge my Mastercard VISA Discover AMEX in the amount of \$_____.

Card number: Exp. date /

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ Yes, please send updates.

Optional: My gift is
 in memory of in honor of

Send acknowledgement to:

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If you would like to give through ACH bank draft, contact Jeanne Clark, MSS Director of Finance at (972) 446-2100 ext. 15. F10

\$50,000 donation from St. Paul Lutheran Church

After 50 years of service to the community the congregation of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran consolidated their membership with Grace Lutheran Carrollton and donated the

\$50,000 proceeds from the sale of their Farmers Branch property to Metrocrest. At the presentation of the check MSS Board President Lou Sartor stated "This has been a challenging year. We are very thankful...many local families will benefit from this generosity." Thank you to the members of St. Paul!



Left to right: Jim Varnum, Max Raulins & Kathy Rogers of St. Paul, Director Bunny Summerlin and MSS Board members Lou Sartor & Jack Stotz)

Generous donors make Back-to-School programs successful

Over 50 corporate, faith and individual donors helped MSS provide 732 students new school shoes and 1300+ with school supplies in August. Thank you to everyone involved in these annual events.



**Thank you
DONORS
&
VOLUNTEERS!**

Shop for bargains & support Metrocrest

The **Metrocrest Thrift Store** is now open Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the upscale **Civic League Boutique**, just a short stroll down the sidewalk, is open Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the programs of MSS.

Located at 1103 S. Josey at Belt Line in Carrollton. Call 972-418-1900.

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Challenge 2010 Relocation Update



The search for a new home for MSS is about to end! The final site selection process is underway. Donations to provide the equipment necessary to finish out the new Food Pantry and computer labs will be needed and may be made online at www.metrocrestsocialservice.org.

Be the first to get an announcement of the new site! Sign up for e-News at www.metrocrestsocialservices.org. Register now to be "in the know"!

Drop off site for Holiday Donations—starting December 6

Volunteers will be available to accept donations of food, gifts and coats at the MSS holiday site beginning Saturday, December 6 at 2:00pm. Dropping off your donations helps us reduce transportation costs, but for large quantity donations just call 972-446-2100 x 19 in advance to request a pick up. To donate prior to December 6, please come to the Food Pantry at The Gravley Center at Belt Line/Broadway near IH-35E in Carrollton.

Volunteers will be available to accept donations at this Holiday Site on:

Weekdays:

December 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Weekends:

Saturday, December 11 10:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12 10:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.

