Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Basket Drop-Off: November 18-20
Cuneo/SSOM 2nd floor Atrium, 8am-5pm

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<th>Basket size: For family of:</th>
<th>Small 1-3</th>
<th>Medium 4-5</th>
<th>Large 6+</th>
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<td>Canned vegetables</td>
<td>3-4</td>
<td>5-6</td>
<td>7+</td>
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<td>Stuffing mix</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Instant potatoes</td>
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<td>Canned cranberries</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Non-perishable dessert</td>
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<td>$30 grocery gift card</td>
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<td>Decorations</td>
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Join us for the Interfaith Prayer Service

November 21, 12:00-12:30pm
Cuneo/SSOM Atrium

Questions?
Contact Health Sciences Campus Ministry at 708-216-3245 or HSCMinistry@luc.edu
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Which basket size is most needed?
A: Medium. 50% of requests are for medium baskets, while 30% are for large and 20% for small.

Q: My department likes to fill out baskets extra-full. Is that OK?
A: Maybe! Please be sure that the basket can be carried easily by one person. If you have a hard time lifting it, it will be too heavy for our staff, volunteers, and the receiving family. Baskets must fit into the vehicles of our partner organizations and families. Also, some recipients will need to take their baskets on public transportation.

Instead of making baskets extra-full, consider donating two smaller baskets. For example, instead of 1 “extra-large” basket, consider making 2 mediums.

Q: What kind of basket should we use?
A: Ensure that the basket is strong enough to hold all items, as handles and bottoms are known to break. In addition to baskets and laundry baskets, consider copy-paper boxes or plastic bins.

Q: My department wants to give a gift card in a different amount. Is that OK?
A: All gift cards should be in the amount of $30. Last year, we had nearly 100 baskets which did not come with gift cards. Once we run out of gift cards, we must give baskets without one.

Instead of donating an "extra large" gift card, please consider donating multiple gift cards in smaller amounts. For example, instead of a $60 gift card, please give two $30 gift cards. Suggested stores include Jewel Osco, Aldi, and Walmart. Visa gift cards are also welcome.

Q: What is the gift card for?
A: Gift cards to local grocery stores allow families to purchase a turkey, other main dish, or other items (fresh produce, a roasting pan, etc.) needed for their Thanksgiving meal.

Q: I’d like to be involved but cannot get a basket together. How can I help?
A: Donate a gift card to a local grocery store in the amount of $30. You can also write a check to Loyola HSC Ministry - we will use these funds to buy needed items (food or gift cards) for the drive.

Volunteer to help with basket drop-off and pick-up. Contact HSC Ministry at ext. 63245 to assist with basket drop-off and pick-up November 18-22.

Q: What items are not appropriate?
A: Alcohol, bakery-fresh items, perishable items, and expired food.