



THE PETTENGILL HOUSE, INC.
Children & Family Services

October 31st, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Pettengill House is Seeking Thanksgiving Meals Donations

For many, Thanksgiving is a day when families and friends gather and give thanks over a special meal. However, for those struggling to make ends meet, it can be an especially difficult time. To help clients in the nine local communities it serves, Pettengill House is now accepting community food drives and market gift card donations to support our Annual Thanksgiving Meals Basket Program which will be held on Friday, November 18th. In addition to food drives of non-perishable items, we are kindly requesting donors consider donating gift cards to local markets to assist us with the purchase of perishable Thanksgiving meal “fixings”. The following items are currently “most needed” for Thanksgiving meals baskets: boxed stuffing, canned gravy, canned vegetables, canned fruit, baking goods and condiments. Thanksgiving donations are greatly appreciated and best if received by **Monday Nov 14th**.

Additional “most needed” items for our weekly food pantry include children’s healthy lunch box snacks and toiletries/personal care items.

If you are interested in organizing a Thanksgiving food drive for The Pettengill House, please contact Richard Henderson, Food Pantry Program Coordinator, at Rhenderson@pettengillhouse.org or call Richard at (978) 463-8801 ext. 1 for more information and to schedule a drop-off time. We kindly request your assistance checking “best by” dates, sorting items into boxes that one person can lift, and bringing enough people to assist with unloading.

As always, monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to: The Pettengill House, Inc. P.O. Box 5551, 13 Lafayette Road, Salisbury, MA 01952. You may also visit our website at www.pettengillhouse.org to make an online donation and earmark your donation for the Pettengill House Thanksgiving Meals Program and Food Pantry.

During FY2016 Pettengill House provided an array of basic needs, comprehensive case management, support services and interventions to **3040 individuals, children and families (730 of whom were deemed homeless)**. In addition, our food pantry and meals program provided **89,837 meals** while **emergency assistance exceeded \$109,296.45**.

Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Gratefully,

Richard D. Henderson

Food Pantry Program Coordinator, The Pettengill House, Inc.