

# Press Release



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## ***Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation Thanksgiving Food Drive Set to Begin November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>!***

As the holiday season approaches, the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation prepares for its 25<sup>th</sup> year to work with volunteers and sponsors in the Lakewood community to gather and deliver 2 large bags of food to Lakewood families in need. This year we will feed approximately 300 families and seniors at Thanksgiving and an additional 300 families at Christmas time.

“The goal of this massive food drive is twofold,” says LCAC President Jeff Worrone, “To add something special for families that allows them to enjoy a holiday meal with all the trimmings and to draw together our community and show that we as a community care about our neighbors and friends.”

The LCAC consists of a fourteen member year-round board that raises funds and handles the logistics of buying and gathering food. The board is proud of the fact that it has virtually no administrative expenses and uses all cash donations toward the purchase of food.

In the past, the majority of the food has come from generous donations of canned goods and staples collected by students at public and parochial schools in Lakewood. This year, in addition to those donations the LCAC has seen significant contributions from a number of corporate and civic organizations. For example, Cargill in addition to providing a large donation to the general fund of the LCAC, has also agreed to provide the LCAC with all of the Honeysuckle white turkeys that it will need for the Thanksgiving food drive. Also, Help to Others (H2O), an award winning student program from the City of Lakewood has once again provided food donations and held fundraisers for the LCAC as well. The Breadsmith in Lakewood is also donating all of the bread needs for both food drives. Additional sponsors this year include: Rotary Clubs of Lakewood and Rocky River, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Lakewood Kiwanis, St. Edwards High School, Cox Communications, the Junior Women’s Club of Lakewood, LakewoodAlive and others.

But the true story here is how over 200 volunteers from groups like the Rotary, Kiwanis, Boys and Girl Scouts, Cub scouts and brownies, Key Club, students from Lakewood Schools, The H2O Program, St. Ed’s and others, come together to form a “*human chain of support*” to help pack, bag and deliver the food right to the door of the families in Lakewood that need it the most.

**Please consider either volunteering or supporting us by covering this wonderful news story!**

All this activity comes to a climax on the weekends before Thanksgiving and Christmas. The schedule for the Thanksgiving event is below. The location for activities is the Masonic Temple at 15300 Detroit Avenue.

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Friday Nov. 20, 2009: Sorting 10:00am to 4:00pm      Non Perishable Bagging 6:00pm to 7:30p  
Sat. Nov. 21, 2009: Perishable bagging and delivery to families 9:00am to Noon

I hope to see you at the events!

**Jeff Worrone** - President, LCAC

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