

Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation (LCAC) says *Thank You* to its donors and volunteers for the successful Thanksgiving Food Drive and prepares for the December Food Drive on December 16th and 17th!

With the help of hundreds of volunteers, Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. (LCAC) brightened the Thanksgiving holiday for 312 Lakewood families and seniors. “Thanks to a very successful food drive, many helping hands, and beautiful weather, the Thanksgiving food baskets were delivered without any problems” states Jeff Worrone, LCAC President. “Let’s hope the Christmas food drive is just as successful!”

Tables at the Masonic Temple were stacked high with canned goods, and non-perishable foods donated through St Edward High School, Grant Elementary, Horace Mann Elementary, and Lincoln Elementary schools. St. Edward High School, Lakewood High School and Harding Middle School.

In addition, the students and faculty at St Edward High School worked together to raise approximately \$5000 for while the H2O program of Lakewood raised approx \$2400 from their Pumpkin Palooza event. This money will be used to help purchase the perishable food items needed such as turkeys, potatoes, pumpkin pies and other food items for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drives. Not to be outdone, the Lakewood / Rocky River Sunshine Kiwanis worked with The Breadsmith to gather hundreds of donated bread loaves for the meals.

Yet, all these donations would never have made it to the tables of the families and seniors here in Lakewood if it were not for the over 200 volunteers that helped sort, bag and deliver the food right to the doorstep of those in need. Delighted with the Thanksgiving success, LCAC is working to duplicate the efforts for the upcoming Christmas food drive.

The Christmas Food drive is now underway. Non-perishable cans and boxes can be donated Emerson Elementary, Harrison Elementary, and Roosevelt Elementary schools now through December 15th. Garfield Middle School has fundraising activities in process to help raise money to pay for perishable foods needed.

How can you help?

Food donations will be accepted at the schools through Thursday December 15th. Monetary donations can be made directly to LCAC through the website at www.lcac.info or mailed directly to LCAC PO Box 771421 Lakewood OH 44107.

Once the food is collected, all the food will need to be sorted so the “human chain” can systematically place food in bags and get them ready for delivery. Many helping hands are greatly needed to sort, assemble and deliver the 300 Holiday Food baskets.

Volunteers are needed!!!

Join us as little or as much as you would like...better yet, bring a friend or neighbor!

Lakewood Masonic Temple (15300 Detroit Ave.)

<u>Friday December 16th</u>	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Food donations are collected and sorted
	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	The ‘human chain’ fills non-perishable food bags
<u>Saturday December 17th</u>	8:30 am – noon	Bag the perishable food and then deliver the food

Baskets right to the families. Bring your **BIGGEST** car!

For over 25 years, LCAC has been brightening the lives of Lakewood families and seniors in need. Each basket provides all the makings for a holiday meal and about a week's worth of food staples. Please join us so LCAC can count 2011 as another great success.

LCAC is a non-profit all volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of Lakewood's families in need. For more information or to find our Christmas Food Drive schedule visit us at www.LCAC.info, check out our FaceBook page or call 216-916-7722.