



## Stafford County Department of Social Services

### Holiday Program

#### Thanksgiving And Christmas Food Baskets

While making plans for your Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals, please consider reaching out and helping those in need. With the generosity of caring community partners, we can make a difference in the lives of those who need a helping hand this year. Below are some ideas of items that can be included in holiday meal baskets. Quantities may vary depending on the size of the family adopted. Once purchased, place items in a paper bag with handles, decorative bag or box, or in an aluminum roasting pan with cellophane wrap.

- Aluminum Roasting Pan
- Tin Foil
- Box of Mashed Potatoes or Bag of Fresh Potatoes
- Can of Yams
- Mini Marshmallows
- Package of Stuffing Mix
- Chicken Broth
- Jar or Packets of Turkey/Chicken Gravy
- Can of Green Beans
- Can of Corn
- Can of Cranberry Sauce
- Fresh rolls or box of bread mix
- Pumpkin or Fruit Pie
- Package of Holiday Cookies
- Apple Cider
- Hot Chocolate
- Holiday Theme Paper Goods
- Potholder

\* Perishable foods including turkey, ham or chicken are best provided using a gift card from the grocery store (Weis, Food Lion or Shoppers Food Warehouse). With a \$15-\$20 gift card, families can purchase the meat of their choice. Stafford DSS will only accept donated turkeys on an individual basis due to limited storage. Please contact **Erin Riley, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 540-658-8730** to check on storage availability.

