



October 2018



Dear Friends,

“What’s for dinner, Mommy?” That sentence is repeated millions of times each day in every language in the world. In our area, we assume that there is always a positive response unlike the “poorer” areas of the country and the world. Sorry to say that many times there is not a good response to this question by many parents in Southern Chester County. Even in this “good” economy many families are struggling to get by regardless that both parents may be working multiple jobs. During the Christmas Season, the Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program tries to make this holiday a little more joyful for those families.

Thank you to all the generous people who have made this program a success for so many years. Without your time, donations and support, our campaign would never have been able to service the over 390 families that were cared for in 2017. It would be wonderful if we could say that there is not a need to run the program this year, but the reality is that we still have many families living in our area that are in need of help.

The Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program has been a constant for those needy people in the community. We work to provide them with a turkey or ham, fresh produce, canned goods, bakery items and some toys for their children. There are many, many volunteers who make this program work every year and we invite you to join us to bring a little Christmas spirit to your neighbors in need. Below is the schedule for the program this year. We need volunteers to give of their **time** to assist with the packing/distribution or possibly to deliver baskets to shut-ins and help pick up the foodstuffs from the local vendors. If you can give of your **talent**, perhaps by coordinating events that day or being a translator, that would be a blessing. You can also assist us **monetarily** since a good portion of the items we distribute to the needy families must be purchased from local vendors.

The key is YOU!!!!

All our best intentions mean nothing without your support. This support can be shown in many ways:

1. Financial

-All monetary contributions can be made out to Avon Grove Christmas Basket Program and mailed to the address below (please try and respond as soon as possible so we can allocate our resources).

2. Foodstuffs

-The schools and scouts will be collecting; if you have something to contribute and cannot contact one of these groups, please call me at 610-869-4100.

3. Time

Friday 12/14

4:00pm Setting up the tables & the Toy rooms, sorting the canned goods and organizing the distribution.

5:00pm Packing baskets, unloading perishables

Saturday 12/15

8:00am Delivery to housebound recipients & finalize Baskets

8:30am-Recipient families arrive for Christmas program in Parish Center.

9:00am-Prayer service & Visit from Santa

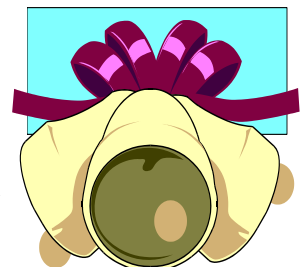
9:15am-Distribution of Christmas baskets.

All of the above activities will take place at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School and Parish Center (290 State Road in West Grove).

May you and your family have a healthy and blessed Christmas season!!

May God bless you for your generosity!

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*Merry
Christmas !!!!*

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