Adopt-A-Family Program to Aid Needy Residents Postmark Donations by Nov. 17 to Provide Thanksgiving Meals

There's still time to donate to the ninth annual Adopt-A-Family program to will help provide Thanksgiving meals for needy families. The 2018 donation form can be found at <u>http://bit.ly/2018AdoptAFamily</u> The postmark deadline is Nov. 17.

"We often hear that people want to help others within their own community," said Somerset County Freeholder Patricia L. Walsh. "This is a perfect way for residents to earmark donations to help feed needy families in their own or neighboring towns." The program has collected \$115,255 in donations since its inception in 2010.

The estimated cost of a Thanksgiving meal is \$40. Anyone wishing to donate may send a check to any of the following local programs:

- Food Bank Network of Somerset County, P.O. Box 149, Bound Brook, NJ 08805
- Franklin Food Bank, P.O. Box 333, Somerset, NJ 08875-0333
- Feeding Hands Inc., Emmanuel Church, 100 Grant Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876
- Hillsborough Food Pantry, Attn: Social Services Department, 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844
- Reformed Church of Bound Brook, P.O. Box 347, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880
- SHIP Samaritan Homeless Interim Program, 87 E. High St., Somerville, NJ 08876

Donations should be postmarked by Saturday, Nov. 17, in order to reach the organizations in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

On the memo line of your check, write **Adopt-A-Family** and the **name of the town** where you wish your donation to go. If \$40 is difficult for you, any amount will be gratefully accepted. The Food Bank Network, SHIP and Feeding Hands Inc. serve residents throughout Somerset County; the Franklin and Hillsborough programs primarily serve residents within those respective towns; and the Reformed Church serves both Bound Brook and South Bound Brook.

For more information, call the Food Bank Network at (732) 560-1813, the Franklin Food Bank at (732) 246-0009, Feeding Hands Inc. at (908) 397-6452, the Hillsborough Social Services Department at (908) 369-3880, the Reformed Church of Bound Brook at (732) 356-9345 or SHIP at (908) 393-9545. Go to http://bit.ly/2018AdoptAFamily to complete and print the donation form.

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