



On behalf of the Putnam Community Action Partnership (CAP) staff and Advisory Board, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the entire community for coming together to make our Thanksgiving Program a great success. This program would not have been possible without the incredible generosity and support from local organizations, businesses and individual community members. With our community's support, we ensured that over 340 low-income families were able to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday!

Many may not realize the level of collaboration and partnership that is involved to bring our Thanksgiving program to fruition. We are sincerely thankful to the Rotary Clubs of Brewster, Carmel, Lake Mahopac, Patterson & Southeast for donating all of the pies, rolls and butter needed for the program. The Knights of Columbus #6318 for donating grocery store gift cards and turkeys, as well as generous turkey donations from PCSB Bank and Stew Leonard's. The Delancey Street Foundation, Kobacker's Market, Ace Endico, and the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources' William Koehler Memorial Senior Center also played a crucial role by donating freezer space to store the turkeys, ensuring we had enough to meet the needs of our community. Special thanks also go to DeCicco & Sons in Brewster and ShopRite in Carmel, who allowed us to host fresh produce drives in front of their stores the weekend prior to Thanksgiving, and to the Brewster High School students and families who volunteered at those drives. Stop & Shop in Mahopac also showed their support by donating of hams to supplement our offerings. A huge thank you to all of the community members who volunteered their time to sort and package fresh produce bags for the distribution, and those who volunteered to help distribute the food to our clients- you donated over 100 hours of service to the agency!

Furthermore, we are grateful for the grant funding provided by M&T Bank, the Field Hall Foundation, and County Harvest, which allowed us to purchase additional food to make the program even more impactful. Lastly, we are so appreciative for the incredibly generous contributions made by hundreds of individual community members.

We are truly humbled by the outpouring of community support we received. Putnam County's generosity has ensured that families in need had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and we are incredibly thankful for your kindness and commitment to our mission of assisting low-income individuals and families on their journey toward self-sufficiency.

With heartfelt thanks,

Marisa O'Leary

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