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Donors Needed to Save the Holidays for Less Fortunate Area Residents

North Jersey: Imagine a child with no present to open during this time of year, or a lonely person not being remembered by someone.

The **All Wrapped Up Holiday Giving Program** of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County is in desperate need of gift cards from Shop Rite, Pathmark and Target, for more than 1, 200 needy and lonely children , seniors and disabled persons in Bergen and Passaic Counties.

Through the Volunteer Center of Bergen County's **All Wrapped Up Holiday Giving Program**, low income families, many single parent households, as well as elderly, homeless and physically or mentally disabled adults and teens are helped through the donations of gift cards by generous donors.

Local non-profit agencies have submitted gift "wish lists" to the Volunteer Center, which in turn matches generous donors with these less fortunate families and individuals, thus "adopting" them for the holidays. At the present time the Volunteer Center has requests for assistance pending for more than 1,200 people for whom we have no donors as yet.

All requests for assistance are submitted to the Volunteer Center by non-profit organizations that have screened and prioritized the requests based on need.

Companies, religious and service groups, families and individual donors who wish to help should call Debbie Emery at (201) 489-9454, Ext. 118 .

Donors can mail food store gift cards from Shop Rite and Pathmark and retail gift cards from Target, in denominations of \$25.00, as well as cash donations, to the

Volunteer Center of Bergen County, 64 Passaic St, Hackensack, NJ 07601, by December 12th.

The Volunteer Center of Bergen County strengthens the community by connecting people with opportunities to serve, operating model volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs.

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