WHEELOBRATOR DONATES 39 TURKEYS AND $1000 IN HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

Donations to help Seacoast families in need

HAMPTON, N.H. — Nov. 25, 2014 — Wheelabrator Technologies, a worldwide leader in converting everyday household and commercial waste into clean energy, is pitching in to help those in need this holiday season. Wheelabrator employees gifted 39 turkeys along with corporate donations totaling $1,000 in Hannaford gift cards to four local food pantries: United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Hobbs House Help Center, First Baptist Church Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

“We are thankful for the donations and contribution from Wheelabrator employees to our annual Thanksgiving dinner,” said Bob Zirkle of the United Methodist Church Food Pantry. “Our mission is to not forget people during the holiday season and to provide them with a warm meal and a place to go. There is always a need here, especially during the holidays. Everything Wheelabrator has done for us is extremely appreciated.”

The United Methodist Church Food Pantry hosts a free dinner each year on Thanksgiving Day, serving the needy and the hungry, as well as those who would otherwise be alone during the holidays. Last year, the pantry fed 250 people on Thanksgiving Day, and delivered 125 meals to local families in the form of food baskets. After dinner, all of the turkey giblets and leftovers are used to make turkey soup that the pantry donates to St. Vincent de Paul’s Soup Kitchen on Hampton Beach.

Each Thanksgiving, Wheelabrator gives turkeys to its employees to share with their families. Often, these employees in turn donate their turkey to those in need through a coordinated giving campaign by the company.

“On behalf of the Hobbs House Help Center, I am most appreciative of Wheelabrator’s continued support each year and I thank all of my fellow employees for their wonderful donations to help local families in need,” said Sandy Nickerson of Wheelabrator Technologies, who volunteers to coordinate the Hobbs House Saturday Food Pantry. “I am thrilled to be working for such a great company filled with so many generous people.” The Hobbs House is the only food pantry in the Seacoast open on Saturdays to all residents.

• Wheelabrator donated 21 turkeys and a $250 Hannaford gift card to the United Methodist Church Food Pantry, located at 525 Lafayette Road in Hampton. For more information, please call the food pantry at 926-2702 or send an email to Bob Zirkle at hamptonumc@myfairpoint.net.
• The company donated 18 turkeys and a $250 Hannaford gift card to the Hobbs House Help Center, located at 200 High Street in Hampton. For more information on Hobbs House, contact Sandy Nickerson at 929-3444.

• To help them prepare food boxes for Thanksgiving, Wheelabrator delivered a $250 Hannaford gift card to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry, located at 36 Winnacunnet Road in Hampton. For more information, please call the pantry at 926-3200.

• Wheelabrator donated a $250 Hannaford gift card to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, located at 289 Lafayette Road in Hampton. For more information, call the pantry at 929-4427.

“We are very happy to help area food pantries at such a critical time of the year, and we are delighted to know these donations are going directly to families in need,” said Michelle Nadeau, senior manager of public affairs at Wheelabrator. “Thanks to the generosity of our employees, Wheelabrator has been able to donate turkeys as well as provide funding for groceries to stock the food pantries for Seacoast families in need this holiday season.”

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