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Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury to Sponsor Thanksgiving Food Drive

Between November 2 and November 16 the residents of Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury are sponsoring a food drive to collect items for distribution to needy families in the area to help them observe the Thanksgiving holiday with a bountiful table.

“This year everything we collect will be given to the Lancaster County Food Bank,” says Rebecca Ford, an RWC resident who is helping to organize the event. The RWC Thanksgiving Food Drive began in 1985 when RWC’s religious life committee decided to ask for donations from the residents. Since 2000 the event has grown as members of the RWC staff and the general public have been invited to contribute.

“We at RWC are fortunate in living in a comfortable, loving environment,” Ford says.

“Unfortunately, it’s easy for retirees to lose track of what’s happening in the larger community

outside our neighborhood.” Since Thanksgiving is a time for sharing, Ford says the RWC family is again inviting the general public to join them in helping make Thanksgiving memorable for neighbors who might not otherwise be able to celebrate.

Canned goods and other non-perishables may be delivered to RWC between November 2 and November 16. A drop-off point will be established in the atrium in the main building on RWC’s campus at 132 Lancaster Drive outside the town of Irvington. Cash donations are also welcome, Ford adds, as these funds will be used to purchase perishable goods to add to the food baskets closer to the date these are distributed to area families.

On November 16 at 11:00 a.m. the RWC community will hold a ceremony on the RWC campus to bless the goods that have been collected before they are boxed up and delivered to the Food Bank. The public is welcome to join in this service. No reservations are required. Inquiries about the Thanksgiving Food Drive can be directed to Ford through the main RWC switchboard number, 438-4000.