



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Brightening the Holidays

Project GRACE sponsors holiday giving programs, working with our friends and community partners to sponsor food drives, donation collections, and to fill nutritious food baskets. \$35 provides a grocery gift card so a family can buy fresh meat, dairy or produce.

Feeding the Community

We support child nutrition by sponsoring milk, snacks, and lunches during the school day for families who cannot afford to pay but don't qualify for subsidies. We also sponsor local farmshares to bring fresh veggies to group homes serving youth and the Scarborough Food Pantry. \$50 will pay for milk for one child for one month or a farmshare for one week.

Keeping Children Safe

We partner with the town's Community Services program to pay a portion of a child's summer camp or after-school fees for families who do not qualify for other subsidies. This helps working families obtain affordable, safe and secure childcare while boosting their child's social and academic skills. \$75 will send one child to summer camp for one week.

Helping Families with Basic Needs

We work with Scarborough's most vulnerable families, many of whom are temporarily without work or employed part-time in low wage jobs. Some are seriously ill, frail elderly, or beset by a temporary crisis. Some are grandparents raising their grandchildren. All of them are struggling with paying for basic needs such as clothing, school supplies, medicines, and food. \$150 will help a family of four get these basic necessities.

Keeping Neighbors Warm

For many families, the onset of Winter and colder temperatures is a worrying time, with much anxiety and uncertainty over how to pay for rising heating bills. \$350 sponsors one delivery of 100 gallons of discount-priced heating oil.

Helping Where It's Most Needed

One of the hallmarks of Project GRACE is that we can be flexible in how we answer requests. With creative community partnerships we can give graduation incentives, fund work-readiness courses, provide a gifted child an advanced math calculator, weatherize a home, or help an elder get dentures. A gift of any size will be put to good use.



"We know how much love and caring goes into this project. You know when these little guys open their backpacks and see inside, their faces tell it all."

"I didn't know what we were going to do without your help this year...we've been having a hard time lately, and this basket meant a lot."

"We're in a much better place now, and this gift is so you can help another family as you've helped us."

"Thank you for a gift card to purchase underwear, socks, and shoes. You have been so kind to the kids..."

"It's no small thing to have a warm home and a full belly these days, and it makes my eyes water when I think of the kindness and generosity that still exists in the world because of folks like you."

"Can't put into words how much your thoughtfulness meant to me and the kids."



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Please give. Our neighbors are counting on us, and we are counting on you.