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## **Pearl Street Cupboard & Café at Park Seeking Thanksgiving Donations For Annual Feed a Family Program**

*Framingham, MA* – Life doesn't always go the way we plan, but when the unexpected happens, the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café is here to help. For 8 years, the United Way of Tri-County's Pearl Street Cupboard and Café at Park has been providing a turkey and all the fixings to families who would otherwise go without.

Sitting down to a meal of home-cooked turkey, potatoes, gravy, and warm apple pie is an American tradition. Gathering together over a meal is common ground we can all celebrate as Thanksgiving brings friends and family together to reflect on the many things for which we are grateful. Sadly, a Thanksgiving meal is not the reality for more than 750,000 Massachusetts residents who live paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford the high cost of an additional holiday meal that many of us take for granted.

"Poverty outside of major cities is often overlooked but we see everyday that it is growing here in smaller communities in Massachusetts," says Paul Mina, United Way of Tri-County's President & CEO. "The number of families accessing our food pantry and community meal program in Framingham is not declining, so we are once again asking individuals and businesses in the community to adopt a family for the holidays by making a gift of \$50 to our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Feed A Family For \$50 Campaign."

"Food is one of the largest expenditures in the family budget and can add an undue level of stress, particularly during the holidays," Mina goes on to say. "By supporting families we are doing more than providing a Thanksgiving meal. We are giving families the ability to come together with dignity, create memories and build traditions for years to come."

With your \$50 donation, the United Way of Tri-County can provide up to seven bags of groceries filled with a turkey, fresh vegetables, stuffing, and dessert for a family in need this year. The United Way of Tri-County has a goal to feed 2,000 families across their food pantry network this holiday season – the largest of those is right here in Framingham at the Pearl Street Cupboard and Café at Park.

Pantry clients have until November 16 to register, and volunteers will be on hand at the Pantry from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 21 to distribute the holiday groceries. The Pearl Street Cupboard and Café at Park is located at 46 Park Street in Framingham.

Donations to the "Feed a Family for Fifty" program can be made through the United Way's website at [www.uwotc.org/feedafamily](http://www.uwotc.org/feedafamily), by mailing a check to the United Way of Tri-County (memo: Feed a Family), 46 Park St. Framingham, MA 01702, or by texting the word FEED to 91999 and following the text link to complete the donation.

The United Way's Feed a Family program has provided more than 6,500 meals for residents in need over the past five years. The United Way of Tri-County is a community building organization that brings people together to care for one another. We provide programs and services, connect volunteers, strengthen agencies, teach social responsibility, and meet the critical needs of the communities we serve with the help of people like you.

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