

## LINKAGES PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

### **OPERATION “WARM-UP” – Winter Coat Drive**

Procedure:

- 1) Send letter (sample attached) home with students.
- 2) Have families drop off new or GENTLY-USED winter coats in collection boxes placed at entrances to school (inside school building). Linkages staff can provide boxes.
- 3) Children & Teen sizes needed.
- 4) Place sign on box (attached).
- 5) Linkages personnel will collect clothing weekly or more frequently if necessary. Contact Haifa Peter (240) 777- 1291 or Alyssa Sanders at (240) 777-1109 for pick-up.

### **HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT - Holiday Meal Drive**

Procedure:

- 1) Send letter (sample attached) home with students.
- 2) Can be done for Thanksgiving and/or Winter Holidays.
- 3) Ask each family to create one holiday basket which includes non-perishable items such as: 1 Giant/Safeway Gift card (for turkey or ham purchase – consider \$20), canned cranberry sauce, canned gravy or turkey packets, canned green beans or corn or peas, canned sweet potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes and/or stuffing mix, boxed corn bread mix or dinner roll mix, pre-made pie crusts (that do not need to be refrigerated), canned pie fillings (pumpkin, apple, cherry, etc.) A nice idea is to place these goods in a large disposable pan for baking a turkey or ham. Multicultural items to consider as well: canned black or pinto beans, bags of white rice, vegetable oil, and maseca flour.
- 4) Set space aside for week-long collection.
- 5) Linkages personnel will collect baskets on last day of drive or sooner depending on need. Contact Haifa Peter (240) 777- 1291 or Alyssa Sanders at (240) 777-1109 for pick-up.

### **HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT – Holiday Gift Drive**

Procedure:

- 1) Send letter (sample attached) home with students.
- 2) Place **NEW** unwrapped gifts in boxes placed inside school by entrances. Linkages staff can provide boxes.
- 3) Donors may also provide gift-wrap, tape or gift bags in the same receptacle.
- 4) Suggested holiday gifts include: **Babies** – crib mobiles, musical toys, rolling & pull toys, rattles & teethingers, clothing, soft dolls (ethnic), pretend people, shape sorters, talking toys, board books; **Pre-school & School Children** – building toys, cars & trucks, board games, art supplies/kits, ethnic dolls, action figures, sports gear, pretend playthings, science toys, puzzles, dinosaurs; Adolescents – games, art supplies, photo supplies, crafts, beauty gear, small radios, electronic games, sudoku, hats & gloves, costume jewelry, watches, sports gear, team jerseys.
- 5) Big kids and teenagers love gift cards to shopping malls, movie theatres, clothing, music, book and sporting hood stores. Please place gift cards in boxes in marked envelopes.
- 6) To ensure equity for families, Linkages requests donors spend no more than \$30 per child.
- 7) Linkages personnel will collect boxes on last day of drive or sooner depending on need. Contact Haifa Peter (240) 777- 1291 or Alyssa Sanders at (240) 777-1109 for pick-up.