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Dear Donors,

In these unprecedented times, we are all adjusting to new ways of living and working that will keep us and our loved ones safe. Ledyard Social Services remains committed to helping during these difficult times. To prevent canceling the programs this year, we will be making significant operational changes to our holiday programs.

We will not be doing a “distribution day” for our Thanksgiving and Holiday food baskets or our Adopt-a-Family Program. Instead, we are asking for \$25 and \$50 gift card donations to retailers and grocery stores, respectively. These gift cards will be distributed to our families to purchase holiday dinners and gifts for the children. The goal is to provide a \$50.00 grocery store gift card per family, and \$50.00 retail gift cards for each child. (Registered families will also be able to obtain “fixings” for their holiday dinners at the Ledyard Food Pantry). The parents will be able to shop for gifts for their children using the retail gift cards either online or at the retailer. We will also be asking for gift card donations early this year to allow families time to holiday shop and order online gifts.

We know this may be disappointing to some, but we need to adapt, while still providing for the needs of our community. We had many generous donors for our Holiday programs last year, and the outpouring of support from our community is part of what makes Ledyard truly amazing.

If you can help us in supporting our families in need this holiday season, please see the attached registration form which will also have a list of retailers. You may drop your donation off at Ledyard Town Hall (either to the Mayor’s Office or in our secure lockbox in front of Town Hall) or mail to: Ledyard Social Services 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, CT 06339. Please feel free to reach out with questions by calling 860-464-3222 or email mayoral.asst@ledyardct.org.

We appreciate your caring spirit and generous support of our community during the holidays and throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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