



September 2024

Dear Business or Community Leader,

I hope this letter finds you well as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season.

Since 1987, Rogers County residents have been the recipients of a charitable organization that has provided Christmas food baskets for the Rogers County-Catoosa residents; unfortunately, that program is earmarked for Rogers County residents only—leaving a need for our Catoosa residents residing in Wagoner County. The City of Catoosa, recognizing the need to help our City of Catoosa Wagoner County residents, reached out to several local organizations for help. Thus, in the Summer of 2024 Spirit of the Hills (SOH) board was formed.

Spirit of the Hills is an initiative of community leaders striving to meet the needs of Catoosa residents in Wagoner County. This includes the neighborhoods of Old Rolling Hills, El Dorado Village Manufactured Homes Community, and Oakmont Apartment Homes. The SOH Board includes volunteer leaders from the City of Catoosa, Rolling Hills Fire Department, Good News Church and other local area leaders. The mission is simple: **we want to help more people in Catoosa have sufficient food for their family at Christmas.**

To make this effort a success, we kindly ask for your support. We are seeking two forms of donations:

1. non-perishables such as stuffing, canned green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, boxes of macaroni & cheese, instant mashed potatoes, cake and frosting
2. monetary contributions that will allow us to purchase turkeys, hams, and other necessary items for the baskets.

Attached is a sign you may use on a box to set up for collecting food items.

Our goal is to create and distribute **50** Christmas baskets to families in need by December 13. Your generous donation can help provide a family with a festive meal and a sense of hope during the holiday season.

If you would like to donate canned goods, please contact us or drop off items at Rolling Hills Fire Department located at 40 S. 200 E. Ave., Tulsa by December 10. For monetary donations, you can either drop off or mail a check to Spirit of the Hills/Good News Church at 19529 E. 4th Pl. Tulsa, OK 74108, or to Spirit of the Hills/Bank of Commerce 1490 OK-66, Catoosa. Other details and information can be found at goodnewschurch.info/soh.

We are deeply grateful for any support you can provide, whether through food or financial contributions. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of families like these:

"As a single parent struggling to make ends meet, the holidays are especially hard with bills piling up and no extra money for a special meal. A Christmas food basket would allow my family to enjoy a warm, traditional Christmas dinner without the added financial stress."

"As a senior on a fixed income, caring for my grandchildren has stretched my limited resources. I want to have meaningful family traditions and not be worried about how I'm going to pay for my regular expenses. A Christmas food basket would help me provide a holiday meal for my family and friends without worrying about how to afford it."

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of the board members listed below.

Thank you,
Spirit of the Hills Board

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