

## **HOLIDAY WISH PROGRAM 2009 AT WEST DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP**

The Holiday Wish Program is an opportunity for our community to bring special happiness to some of our less-fortunate neighbors during the winter holiday season. Typically, the Township Food Pantry will register food pantry recipients and clients served through our welfare program that live in this township during the month of October. These "wishes" are passed along to volunteers (offices, families, churches, individuals, scout troops, etc.) who will know only the recipient's first name and age. All recipients of the Holiday Wish Program live here, in our township.

Our recipients have been particularly hard hit by the country's current economic conditions. For these reasons, we have given careful consideration to this year's Holiday Wish Program's suggestions:

- ❖ Purchase gift cards from local grocery stores and pharmacies
- ❖ Provide one gift that reflects a recipient's particular needs

If you are interested in adopting someone's "wish" for the Holiday Season, please call our office to ask about how you or your group could bring the holiday spirit to someone in need. Gifts will be delivered to the township office, wrapped, with the recipient's name and code number on each package by **December 14**. The staff at the township then arranges for the gifts to be either picked up or delivered in mid-December.

We hope you will again be a part of this wonderful community-supported program that has brought smiles to those without the means to provide holiday gifts for their children, and a warm heart to elderly living alone on very restricted incomes.