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Oaks Integrated Care Sets Goal of 1,000 Turkeys for Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive Now Through November 23

Mt. Holly, N.J. – The need is now greater than ever for the Oaks Integrated Care annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. The nonprofit agency recently kicked off the drive to help individuals and families in need throughout New Jersey. Oaks Integrated Care will collect frozen turkeys and nonperishable Thanksgiving food items through Monday, November 23. The Thanksgiving food drive ensures deserving community members living in poverty and struggling with mental illness or a developmental disability can celebrate the holiday with a traditional Thanksgiving feast.

Oaks Integrated Care hopes to collect over 1,000 turkeys to help make Thanksgiving special for families in their programs. Chief Executive Officer, Bob Pekar, shares, “As our company continues to grow, so does the number of people we serve. In October alone, our food pantries in Mt. Holly and Berlin served over 800 families. We only expect this number to increase as the Thanksgiving holiday nears. The donations we receive will give families the opportunity to enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal and the memories that go along with it.”

Community members can ensure food does not have to be a choice this holiday. Drop off donations to the Mt. Holly Food Pantry at 770 Woodlane Road, Suite 16, Mt. Holly or the Berlin Food Pantry at 128 Berlin Cross Keys Road, Berlin. Oaks Integrated Care encourages companies, faith based organizations and civic groups interested in holding food drives to contact the Development Office at 609-267-5928 for more details.

Turkey Drive donation ideas:

Frozen Turkey, Frozen Ham, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams, Pie Filling, Disposable Turkey Roasting Pan

Individuals or companies interested in helping a family in need can also make a monetary donation online at www.oaksintcare.org or by mail.

The organization encourages the community to focus not just on ensuring everyone has a turkey on the table but also about raising awareness for hunger. The reality is more than 170,000 South Jersey residents do not know where their next meal will come from. That’s 1 in 7 people who are food insecure, which means they don’t have regular access to enough food for a healthy life. When forced to make tough choices on how to spend a limited income, groceries often fall to the bottom of the list after medication, rent, utilities and heating fuel.

Oaks Integrated Care offers over 150 programs for vulnerable adults, children and families in nine counties throughout New Jersey. Programs include group homes, in-home services, case management, day treatment, foster care and adoption support, outpatient and partial care services, crisis stabilization services, food pantries and special needs supportive housing. For more information, please visit www.oaksintcare.org or call the Development Office at 609-267-5928.

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