The Greatest Gift...

A stockpot, a log-splitter, an eyeglass repair kit, a warm blanket – these are just a few of the items on the wish lists that client-families have submitted to Circle of Concern’s Holiday Adoption program. In each case—and in many more—friends in the community responded with great generosity.

Those adopting families share wonderful stories of gracious and grateful recipients.

Whether families enter into the spirit of a wish list to request trending toys or name-brand purses or if they ask for the barest necessities, they are quick to express how much the gifts meant to them.

Last year, 538 families were adopted. This year, we will have even more. Will you (or your business, church, club or group) consider adopting one or more households? It’s a simple commitment – anyone adopting a family agrees to adopt each family member, not just the children. We suggest an expenditure of $50 per person.

Sign up to be an adopting sponsor by October 26. Visit the circleofconcern.org home page and click on the Holiday Family Adoption button. We will begin matching up families by November 15. For more information about this program, contact circle@circleofconcern.org and we’ll get right back to you to help you enhance the holiday season for grateful families!
**IN HONOR OF:**
*Please note that these are Memorial/Honor gifts received from June 1 to August 31, 2019*

- All My Girlfriends’ 2019 Birthdays!
- Anne Atteberry
- Bob Bower, a hard worker for Circle
- Jean Dudding
- Iris Freidel
- Beth & Mark Friedman’s 50th Anniversary
- Dr Sue Jagler’s Retirement
- Sally McDonough’s Birthday
- Tony Messenger’s Journalistic Achievements
- Chiong Metzig’s Wedding
- Rose & Clifford Nale
- New Outlook Pioneers
- The Rev Carl Norton’s 90th Birthday
- Edie & Larry Quick
- Betty Quicksall
- M/M Neil Quirk’s 50th Anniversary
- Cindy Rea
- Dolores Rodenberg
- Towa Siesennop
- Gloria Van Dover
- Alec West
- Chris Wiley’s Birthday

*By making a gift in honor of or in memory of a friend or family member, you include them in the circle of care this organization offers to our neighbors in need. You also honor us with your recognition that we will steward your gift well in the name of your loved one. Thank you.*

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**A Note from Cyndi**

As the Autumn Equinox ushers in crisp evenings and colorful fall foliage, we look with anticipation toward our annual client holiday happenings – the Thanksgiving Basket event and our Holiday Adoption program. These activities are beloved by our volunteers as well as our clients.

The spirit of giving is never brighter, and our faith in humanity is strengthened with each passing year. We see remarkable, selfless acts of generosity, and hope restored when families not only have what they need—but also the extras that make the season special—a traditional turkey dinner and a tree surrounded by treasures big and small. I hope you’ll consider “adopting” a family, whether it’s a party of one senior, or a house full of kiddos. Get your family members, friends and colleagues to join in the fun. It will do your heart good! To sign up before October 26, visit circleofconcern.org or contact niki@circleofconcern.org or arozar46@gmail.com.

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**Every Drop in the Bucket**

A friend of Circle brought in a bag containing one can of chili and two boxes of macaroni and cheese, handing it over with the words, “Sorry it’s just a drop in the bucket.”

The amount of food we share each month with more than 600 households would fill a pretty large bucket. Fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, bread, shelf-stable cans and boxes, meat, eggs, toilet paper, soap, personal care items – each client fills a cart with a wholesome variety of foods and critical items. The sheer volume is daunting to consider.

What we know, though, is that the food we share is provided by our generous friends a box or can at a time. When you donate some items from our Critical Needs list or when you write a check or make a donation on circleofconcern.org, you make sure that food and services flow to your own neighbors who need them. You help fill that bucket. Thank you.

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**Thank You, Lou Fusz Athletic Football Players!**

Thanks to Christian Cage, Dominic Maciejewski and the rest of the Lou Fusz Athletic football players for their pasta sauce food drive for Circle! We are so grateful to these young athletes and their families!

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**Save the Date for Jazz!**

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 26 for the Genesis Jazz Project’s Fifth Annual Jazz Concert, benefiting Circle of Concern. Watch for details!
Hooray for the Harvest Moon!

Many thanks to all who attended, volunteered at and otherwise supported Circle’s Harvest Moon Trivia Night on September 13! As final calculations are coming in, we can report that we topped last year’s proceeds—all money that will support Circle’s food pantry and other programs! In our opinion, you hung the moon!

Trivia chairs Chris Sanner & Linda Hoffey

Circle’s Stephanie Moreland & Michelle Lepak with 103.3 KLOU’s Vic Porcelli

Special thanks to our event sponsors. You make the work we do possible...

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JR Asher
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Walter Beranek
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Pattie Herpel
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Joe Podorski
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Lauren Richardson
Milton “Mick” Roedder
Tom Ross
Marianne Schenck
Bette Sehnert
CJ Shelton
Robert L Steinkamp
Donald Tanner
Tom Wade
Rita Westerfield
Amy Marie Woods

The Scent of the Season

The spicy scent of seasonal baking is a cherished herald of autumn. You can help Circle’s clients enjoy the smells of fall by making and sharing Baking Bags at Circle’s Thanksgiving Baskets program next month.

Are you part of a group that could compile baking bags before November 20? Each bag should contain at least the following items, at a cost of approximately $15 to $17 each:

Flour • Sugar • Vegetable Oil • Baking Soda • Baking Powder
Vanilla Extract • One Spice, such as Cinnamon

Please email Michelle, our Pantry Director, today at michelle@circleofconcern.org if you or a group you’re in would like to help warm up our families’ kitchens this Thanksgiving!
October 28 Circle Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 at Circle

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November 20 Thanksgiving Food Donations
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7:00, Lafayette High School, Ellisville

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thru November 30

We share many donations with our clients:
- Food, Canned and Packaged
- Fresh Garden Produce
- Dry Pet Food, Litter
- New School Supplies
- New Blankets, Hats, Gloves

Donations are accepted:
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