

Dear Friend,

The holidays are just around the corner, and we are busier than ever getting ready for the Senior Holiday Gift Basket Project. As always, we need your help with this worthwhile program that brightens the holidays for local seniors.

Your contributions make such a difference in the lives of people for whom the holidays can be less than joyous. The holiday baskets provide welcome necessities for those struggling with financial issues and niceties that lift clients' spirits during this special time of year. All basket recipients are very thankful for your generosity and for the delivery visit that breaks the loneliness they may be experiencing.

**There are many ways that you can share your blessings through the Holiday Gift Basket Project:**

- Individuals, families, or groups can make a basket or baskets
- Individuals, families, or groups can provide gift items requested by clients
- As a driver, assist with delivering baskets to clients

If you are short on time, a monetary contribution is appreciated. Any money donated for the senior Holiday Basket Project will be dedicated to purchasing gift cards for seniors. You can donate online at [metrocrestservices.org](http://metrocrestservices.org) and select "Senior Holiday Gifts" from the drop-down menu. If you prefer to pay by check, you can mail it to our office at 1145 N Josey Ln, Carrollton, TX 75006.

A list of suggested basket items is enclosed. Upon receipt of your client information, you may call the client directly to make arrangements to deliver the basket at your convenience. If you prefer, you may drop the basket off at Metrocrest Services by Monday, December 9, and we will deliver it for you before December 23.

Please join us for the Senior Holiday Gift Basket Project. **Just complete the enclosed form and return it by Friday, November 1.** You will receive your client's wish list and information on or before Friday, November 15. If you have other questions, please get in touch with Jay Villasana at 972-446-2100 ext 105. You may also send an email to [jvillasana@metrocrestservices.org](mailto:jvillasana@metrocrestservices.org).

Best wishes,



Jay Villasana  
Senior Services Manager



# Basket Ideas

- instant oatmeal
- graham crackers
- saltine crackers
- hot cocoa
- holiday treats
- pop top canned soups
- granola, breakfast bars
- coffee or tea
- laundry soap or pods
- dishwashing detergent
- hand sanitizer
- hand lotion
- microwaveable popcorn
- magnifying glass
- handheld electric can opener
- gripper jar openers
- flashlight and batteries
- coloring book, colored pencils
- puzzle books
- personalized note
- playing cards

Non-perishable items only, please.

Approx. cost: \$75

## Personalize your baskets

- Gift cards to grocery stores and pharmacies (Walmart is preferred)
- Small holiday decorations
- Postage stamps
- Fresh fruit (if delivering the basket yourself)
- Gift(s) from your senior's wish list (wish list provided on or before Friday, Nov. 15)



# Creating your Baskets

**STEP 1 Sign up** by submitting the attached Holiday Basket Project Registration form to Jay Villasana by Friday, November 1st.

**STEP 2 Purchase the items** from the grocery list OR submit a monetary donation. All monetary donations will be used to purchase Walmart gift cards for seniors.



*Scan here to give a gift*

*don't forget to select "Senior Holiday Gifts" from the drop down menu*



**STEP 3 Create your gift basket(s).** You will need a large Rubbermaid-type container, laundry basket, or box. Decorating the container for the holidays makes the basket especially cheerful. **Please limit the weight of the parcels so that our volunteers and seniors can move the basket.**

**STEP 4 Deliver your gift basket(s).** You can choose to deliver the gift yourself or drop them off at Metrocrest Services for our volunteers to deliver them for you.

- Delivering the holiday basket yourself offers you the pleasure of experiencing the joy of your recipient when they receive the gift. At the same time, the senior citizens receive a much-needed, personal visit from their own Senior Santa. The suggested delivery dates are December 14 - 22.
- If you cannot deliver the basket, Please drop the basket off at Metrocrest Services by Monday, December 9. Drop the basket off at the HDM Volunteers door in the back of our building 1145 N Josey Ln, Carrollton, TX

Seniors have been invited to list special gift items, such as clothing, small appliances, personal care products, gift cards, and linens. Wish lists for your seniors' gift baskets will be sent to you on or before Friday, November 15.

For questions, please contact Jay Villasana at 972-446-2100 ext 105 or [jvillasana@metrocrestservices.org](mailto:jvillasana@metrocrestservices.org).

# Holiday Basket Project Registration

**Thank you for brightening the holidays for local seniors.**

## Tell us about yourself.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## What type and how many gifts will you provide?

- I (we) will create baskets with basic food, household items, and gifts for \_\_\_\_ local seniors.
- I (we) will provide the basic food and household items for \_\_\_\_\_ gift baskets.
- I (we) would like to provide grocery store/pharmacy gift cards for \_\_\_\_ local seniors.
- I (we) would like to provide gift items from seniors' wish lists for \_\_\_\_ local seniors.
- I (we) will provide a monetary donation to support the Holiday Gift Basket Project.

  
