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FOR THE NINETEENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE BUFFALO TEACHERS FEDERATION DONATES THANKSGIVING DAY MEALS TO MORE THAN 200 LOCAL FAMILIES

BUFFALO, NEW YORK – Thousands of dollars in food and gift certificates that were donated by Buffalo Teachers Federation (BTF) members will be distributed **Tuesday, November 24th** to more than 200 needy families throughout the Buffalo area through several charitable and non-profit groups in an effort to “make sure those families enjoy a ‘meal of thanks’ on Thanksgiving Day”, BTF President Phil Rumore announced.

Hundreds of food items collected by Buffalo teachers in more than 200 shopping bags and boxes filled with food for distribution pack BTF Headquarters on the corner of Porter Avenue and Niagara Street, including over 150 bags that sit atop a massive and wide conference room table. Inside each bag are number of food items purchased from Tops Markets, which worked in conjunction with the BTF in this Thanksgiving food drive. Each bag contains two cans of corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, a package of dinner rolls, a bag of stuffing mix and a \$10 gift card for purchase of a turkey.

“As we do each year, this bounty of food before us was donated by Buffalo Teachers and students who want to do their part to make sure families, who might otherwise go without, will enjoy their Thanksgiving Day meal”, Rumore said. “This is our 18th annual Thanksgiving food drive where canned and packaged goods and monetary donations were made by Buffalo teachers. **Over 3000 families have benefited from the BTF Thanksgiving Food Drive.** This is a wonderful way for all of us to give thanks for what we have. After all, isn’t that what Thanksgiving is all about?”

The Thanksgiving Day meal donations will be distributed to families through the following local charitable and non-profit groups: The City Mission (854-8181); The Community Action Organization (881-5150); Concerned Ecumenical Ministries (882-2442); The Gloria Parks Community Center (832-5085); Native American Community Services (874-2797); and WHRD (Women for Human Rights & Dignity (597-0037)); Project JOY House of Prayer, Praise & Worship (510-0803).

The organizations using trucks, vans and cars will load up at BTF headquarters at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2015.
