

THE SEASON OF GIVING

Many CAREERS' clients find it challenging to buy food and gifts traditionally used to celebrate the holidays. Each year, **we initiate ways to enable our neediest clients – those who live close to or below the poverty line - to purchase food and gifts** so they and their families can better enjoy the season.

This year at **Thanksgiving**, we gave gift cards donated by local Shoprite and Stop & Shop stores and Hannaford Supermarkets in Carmel provided food baskets for clients and their families.

During the **Christmas** season, ShopRite and one family donated gift cards to clients. We also distributed toys to 11 clients' children after CAREERS' Executive Director Tina Cornish-Lauria contacted the Westchester and Putnam Counties division of **Toys for Tots**. This organization, which is coordinated by the Marine Corps Reserve, enables us to help brighten the holidays for the children of some of our neediest clients. CAREERS clients are grateful for their generosity. "I received several toys for each of my three children and they all greatly appreciated them," client Naomi Card said.

