

THE SEASON OF GIVING

Many CAREERS' clients find it challenging to buy food and gifts traditionally used to celebrate the holidays. Each year, **CAREERS initiates 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, CAREERS gave gift cards donated by local Shoprite and Stop & Shop stores and Hannaford Supermarkets in Carmel provided food to a total of 15 clients and their families. Client Joann Gilleo, who works at Home Depot, is grateful for the food she received at Thanksgiving. **“I need food and the food I received from Hannaford really helped me,”** she said.

CAREERS also bought and distributed Kohl's and Wal-Mart gift cards to 14 clients and also distributed toys to 12 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** and we are grateful for their generosity,” Tina said.

