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Liberty Community Christmas Tree Assistance Program to Accept Applications beginning September 14

LIBERTY, Mo. – Now that the hustle and bustle of getting the kids back to school is finally over, it is time to start thinking about Christmas!

The Liberty Community Christmas Tree program is gearing up for another year and will be accepting applications Sept. 14 through Oct. 16 for those that need Christmas assistance.

The program lends a hand to disadvantaged families and older adults in the Liberty area who are facing a difficult holiday season. A few weeks before Christmas, each household in the program will receive several large boxes of non-perishable food along with milk, eggs and a turkey. Children in participating households also receive gifts to help make the holiday season a little brighter.

Anyone living within the Liberty Public School district boundaries is eligible for assistance. School-aged children must be enrolled in a Liberty school. Home-schooled children must be registered in an official LPS extra-curricular activity; enrollment will be confirmed.

Beginning Sept. 14, those needing assistance can fill out an online application through www.ci.liberty.mo.us/LCCT or call the Liberty Community Christmas Tree program at 816.439.4424 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The deadline for applying for Christmas assistance is Oct. 16. Late applications will not be accepted.

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Each year the number of area residents request assistance through this program grows. In 2014, the LCCT helped 268 families with 705 children and 124 other households.

This was made possible with the help of more than \$30,000 in donations and hundreds of volunteers giving nearly 1,000 hours to help sort non-perishable goods donated in food drives throughout the LPS and to shop for gifts and make special deliveries to the families and seniors in the program.

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