

## The Partnership to End Homelessness: Making a Happy Thanksgiving by Giving Out Turkeys to Those in Need!



On November 23, 2010 AmeriCorps members from the Partnership to End Homelessness handed out turkeys and groceries to more than 180 clients of the Servant Center food pantry during a special 3 hour blitz give-away. Without this intervention, these families would not have had food for Thanksgiving. Qualifying pantry clients were called and their names put on a list that guaranteed them a turkey with fixings suitable for their family size. The day before, members picked up the donated turkeys and groceries. They sorted boxes and bags filled with canned vegetables, mashed potato mix, cranberry sauce,

stuffing, and all kinds of desserts (cake and brownie mixes looking especially tasty). They then prepared more than 200 bags with the goodies necessary to make a nice Thanksgiving dinner. On the day of the give-away, members greeted the clients as they drove up with a cheerful "Happy Thanksgiving!" and then loaded up their cars with a hard-as-a-rock frozen turkey and a grocery bag with the goodies.



With the worsening economy, more people than ever have found themselves short on cash and short on food. The pantry has seen an increase in the number of people being referred to them for food assistance. We are very grateful to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church who donated these Thanksgiving turkeys and groceries specifically for this give-away. As a result, more than 220 needy families will have a Thanksgiving to be thankful for.

