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A special letter of thanks

Thank you on behalf of all 67 families and 123 children you helped this year through the Youngstown/Town of Porter Christmas Basket Program. The Youngstown area is a unique place to love. Evidence is all around us, from the new folks who are drawn to the area to those who have always loved living here. Many have returned "home" to raise their families or to retire.

It's people like you who have made it so special as you collectively come together as representatives of our civic and social groups, churches, businesses and as individuals to influence life here in the Town of Porter. Once again at Christmas time, we see this uniqueness manifested by the contributions of so many of you volunteers and contributors to our Christmas food and gift

program. It's like watching a fine performance, as everyone plays his or her part with their special talents, contribution of time, money and support to help others. You deserve a "Best Performance for a Small Town" award for your efforts and accomplishments. An article in the Dec. 24-31 edition of the Tribune-Sentinel (lists) all of the groups of players who participated, but it really comes

down to each individual performance to make this production a huge success. Thank you so much for your special contribution. You helped many of our friends and neighbors have a good holiday. You are part of what makes this a very distinctive place to live. The Youngstown/Town of Porter Christmas Basket Program Coordinators

A job well done

We would like to express our praise and gratitude to the Village of Lewiston DPW for the excellent job they did in keeping our streets open and drivable throughout the recent snowstorm. The men and women of the DPW staff worked through the worst storm in recent years to keep us all safe, and we certainly thank them all for their efforts. These folks are just another reason that we're happy to call the village our home. Jim and Peg Lynch

FeedMore WNY urges community to help 'Check Out Hunger'

Area retailers participate in largest annual fundraiser for hunger-relief nonprofit

Western New Yorkers will be able to help feed their hungry neighbors while shopping for groceries at area retailers now and into the coming months. Dash's Market, The Market in the Square, Tops Friendly Markets and Wegmans Food Markets are holding their annual "Check Out Hunger" campaigns to support FeedMore WNY's programs and services.

During "Check Out Hunger," customers will be able to make a donation of \$2, \$3 or \$5 at the register in order to feed struggling infants, children, families, veterans and older adults throughout Western New York.

The retailers' respective "Check Out Hunger" campaigns will take place as follows:
- Tops Friendly Markets - Jan. 23 through Feb. 12
- Wegmans Food Markets - Jan. 30 through March 12
- The Market in the Square - Feb. 1-28
- Dash's Market - Feb. 13 through March 5
- Lexington Cooperative Market - April 24 through May 21
"Check Out Hunger" is the



largest annual fundraiser for FeedMore WNY and is critical to the hunger-relief organization as it responds to a high demand for services. In 2021, FeedMore WNY provided more than 12.8 million meals to hungry Western New Yorkers, which continues to be an

increase compared to prepandemic distribution levels. "The pandemic continues to have a devastating impact on countless families, children and older adults throughout our community, and FeedMore WNY is working hard to provide more nutritious food and vital services to our neighbors who need them most. We know that our community members face a long road ahead as they work to unbury themselves from financial hardship. For those who were already facing food insecurity, the road to recovery will be even more challenging," said Tara A. Ellis, president and CEO of FeedMore WNY. "That is why programs like 'Check Out Hunger' are so crucial to FeedMore WNY. This incredible fundraiser enables us to continue our mission of offering dignity, hope and a brighter future

to hungry Western New Yorkers. We are so grateful to our retail partners for holding their 'Check Out Hunger' campaigns, and we encourage the Western New York community to take part in this opportunity to help feed their fellow neighbors." FeedMore WNY also expresses thanks to members of the Premier Group for holding its "Check Out Hunger" campaigns in late 2021, and to Price Rite, which wrapped its campaign earlier this month. About FeedMore WNY FeedMore WNY offers dignity, hope and a brighter future by providing nutritious food, friendship and skills training to its Western New York neighbors in need. Through its food bank distribution center and partner hunger-relief agencies, its home-delivered meal services and other targeted feeding programs, as well as its RISE workforce development program, FeedMore WNY alleviates hunger and assists community members of all ages throughout Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties. More information can be found at www.feedmorewny.org.

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