Greetings,

This is a 2-part informational email about the Rochester Holiday Helping Angels! Part 1 is for families who may need a bit of help this holiday season. Part 2 is for potential volunteers!

## 1. Please help us reach ROCHESTER families about our project.

Here is the link which Rochester families need to access to sign-up for holiday help: Rochester Families

Families (or individuals) must complete this Request Form by 11/12/2024. These forms are confidential and are delivered directly to the Holiday Helping Angels coordinators.

Schools, daycares, churches, the Senior Center and Plumb Library will share this google form with families/individuals through digital methods (email, e-newsletters, websites, Facebook).

If you know individuals who are not part of these community groups, or do not have access to a computer/internet, please contact us (angelsfromrochester@gmail.com) so that we can add them to our list and reach out to them via phone if that is OK with them. Or, please assist the family with the online form.

2. In addition to reaching families who may need support, we are also seeking volunteers who wish to HELP the Holiday Helping Angels.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner and the Holiday Helping Angels need your help!

The Holiday Helping Angels are a group of Rochester-based volunteers. Our mission is to provide support to Rochester families who need a little extra help during the holiday season. We provide Thanksgiving food bags as well as Christmas food bags and gifts. Christmas gifts include both items that are "needed" and others that are on a "wish list".

All food and gifts are provided by donations from several community organizations and citizens. The Holiday Helping Angels program is coordinated by a retired RMS teacher and Senior Center Outreach.

At this time, we are seeking both food and Christmas gifts donations. We will also need monetary donations, children's new books, possibly gift card donations, and shoppers!

Although we will not know the actual number of families asking for help this year until sign-ups are completed (11/10), we know last year we helped about 50 families/individuals.

<u>If you are interested in helping, please email us ASAP.</u> Once families begin to sign-up, we will share wish lists with those who wish to buy gifts.

Happy and Healthy Holidays,

Angels of Rochester

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