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LOCAL FAMILIES TO RECEIVE THANKSGIVING CHEER

Charlevoix- A popular giving program, *Neighbors In Need*, is spreading through the northern Michigan community. The employees of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant will be collecting donations to supply local families with Thanksgiving meals.

The staff at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant will work with local health and human service agencies such as the *Salvation Army*, *local churches*, *Manna Food Project*, *Charlevoix Area Food Pantry* and the *Women's Resource Center* to identify families in need. They are also working closely with Charlevoix's teachers to seek families who would not request aid, but are grateful to be recipients. Last year, 20 families enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, thanks to the generosity of Stafford's Weathervane staff and guests.

"In this difficult economic time, we are hoping to make Thanksgiving a truly memorable one for each and every family in Charlevoix County," Jeff Sprecksell, general manager of Stafford's Weathervane said. *"With the generous contributions of our neighbors and Stafford's Hospitality, I know that the possibilities are endless. Thank you for your support."*

As part of the program, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant employees and other volunteers will raise funds for dinners, prepare and package them in the restaurant kitchen and deliver the meals to area families.

"Our staff wants to make this Thanksgiving special for everyone," said Sprecksell.

To make a monetary or time donation, please contact Jennifer Donker or Jeff Sprecksell at 231-547-4311.

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