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**GARY THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY & CELEBRATION ANNOUNCED
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH NOVEMBER 9; SEEKING DONATIONS; VOLUNTEERS**

Gary, Indiana-The City of Gary and the Gary Common Council will present the city's Annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway and Celebration on Monday, November 19, 2018. The Thanksgiving giveaway is presented each year to provide Gary families who apply, a wholesome meal on the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Applications for the Thanksgiving Baskets will be available to Gary residents through Friday, November 9, 2018. Applications may be completed at City Hall, 401 Broadway at the Citizen Service Desk, first floor from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday and on Friday in the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services on the 2nd floor. Applications must be completed on site.

Those applying must have three (3) pieces of information available when completing the application: Proof of residency-A Photo ID; a utility bill with matching address; and Proof of income. All applications must be received in the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services at City Hall on or before the November 9th deadline.

The celebration and giveaway on Monday, November 19th will be held at the Genesis Convention Center/Indiana Hall, One Genesis Center Plaza. The Food Baskets will be distributed from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to those having applied during the application period. Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers, sponsors and food donations are needed. To join us in our efforts to serve 1000 families, contact the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services (MOCS), 219-881-4815; MOCS@CI.GARY.IN.US for donation and sponsorship information. Volunteers may register via MOCS. LaShawn Brooks is the Director.