

## **Darien Human Services Thanksgiving Grocery Store Gift Card Drive**

Covid has had a dramatic impact on all of us, but for many residents who already lived paycheck-to-paycheck, it has been devastating. With many businesses closed and unemployment applications exceeding 350,000 in the state, putting food on the table has become one of the biggest challenges for families. Local food pantries have seen a doubling and even tripling for those who need food and many are reporting that people they're serving have never sought food assistance before.

To help at-risk Darien residents this Thanksgiving, Darien Human Services is holding a **Thanksgiving Grocery Store Gift Card Drive** from Monday, 11/2 through Tuesday 11/24. They will be collecting gift cards to local grocery stores (*Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, Palmers, Trader Joe's* and *Whole Foods*) and distributing them to Darien families and seniors in need. Residents are asked to drop off the gift cards at Town Hall or mail them to: Darien Human Services 2 Renshaw Road. (Human Services is open 8:00am to 5:15pm Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday and 8:00am to 7:00pm on Tuesday).

Please contact Diane Barston, [dbarston@darienct.gov](mailto:dbarston@darienct.gov), or 203-656-7328 with any questions. With your support, we can help make Thanksgiving a little happier for those who need it most.