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**November 2, 2021**

**Contact: Lana Payne, Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging Director**

**Subject: Baskets of Bounty Program**

Each December since 1998, the Commission on Aging provides “Baskets of Bounty” to local senior citizens who are typically low income and alone during the holiday season. The Commission on Aging is now seeking donations in support of this program. Gift packages may include nonperishable food, personal hygiene items, paper products, pet supplies and miscellaneous gifts. We cannot accept expired food items and prefer no glass jars.

Below is a list of items to donate this year:

- Non-perishable food items: Canned chicken and tuna, canned vegetables and fruits, fruit cups, pudding cups, hearty soups and stews, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, instant oatmeal, pasta, stuffing, noodle and rice packets, granola bars, coffee, tea, hot cocoa mix
- Toilet paper 4-packs, paper towel 2-packs, facial tissues, flushable wipes
- Cat and dog treats
- Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, hand soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm
- Dish soap, laundry soap
- Puzzle books, puzzles, card games

Donations will be accepted through Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at the Commission on Aging office located at 520 W Front Street, Suite B Traverse City. Office hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, closed for lunch between noon and 1:00 pm. Monetary donations are extremely helpful – we can accept cash or checks made out to “Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging.” Donations are tax deductible.

To refer a Grand Traverse County resident aged 60 and older who is typically alone for the holidays, please call our office at 231-922-4688.

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