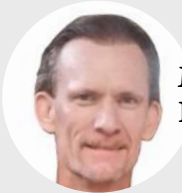


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## "Mark" My Words... a message from Dawn Giganti

It can be hard to stay motivated and positive when things go wrong. This is an everyday challenge for me. I tend to focus on everything that is going wrong and becoming cynical. Instead of seeing that my son did the dishes, I'll fixate on the coffee cup and spoon left on the counter. Instead of remembering compliments, I zone out on the criticism. Instead of celebrating a job well done, I worry about that one thing that went wrong. Instead of cheering for that 5-pound weight loss, I grieve over the fact that I still have 95 pounds left to lose. I wonder where all the water went instead of seeing the glass half full.

So, I am trying something new to stay positive when it feels like life is throwing one blow after another. Every time something good, positive or unexpected happens - I'm writing it down. Every time I have a success or a triumph, big or small, I'm writing it down. It only takes a few seconds and will hopefully become a habit that will change my outlook. In all honesty, the last two years have been far from perfect. I've dealt with plenty of disappointments, frustrations, tragedies, setbacks, and betrayals. I'm working on focusing on the positive by keeping track and writing down the good moments to help change my perspective. I'm retraining my brain to look at the positive while life throws those curveballs!

It's all in your attitude. You have a CHOICE to have a good attitude. Only YOU can let someone, or something, take away that good attitude. It's how YOU think about your circumstances that make you happy or unhappy - not the events themselves. In other words, it's what we choose to focus on that will ultimately determine what we are. It's challenging not to get discouraged when facing setbacks and defeats. But I'm challenging you to try this one simple trick and see what happens, just for this month. Whenever you notice something good - a kind word, compliment, or even a small success... just jot it down. Keep track of the things that go right, then keep your list nearby as a reminder for when things don't go so right. Feel free to drop me an email and let me know how it goes. I'll respond and let you know how I'm doing, too!

Thanksgiving is a great time to reflect on what you can be thankful for and a reminder of all that God has done for me. I always love using this time of year as an excuse to get refocused. This is also a time to give thanks. I am thankful to have all of you to write for every month. However, I'm not the only one. Every single one of us at Creative Carpet & Flooring is thankful to have you! From our family to yours, have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday & God bless!

Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant  
Creative Carpet & Flooring

## November 2019

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## Month at a Glance:

- 3rd Daylight Savings Ends** - set your clocks back an hour officially at 2am on Sunday, November 3rd.
- 11th Veteran's Day** - Thank you for protecting us and keeping our country safe! God bless you for your services.
- 13th Jake Bouquet's Birthday** - You stink at aging... can you at least TRY to look older? Happy birthday!
- 20th Cody Bouquet's Birthday** - A wise man once said, "Forget about your past, you cannot change it". I'd like to add: "Forget about your present, I didn't get you one". Happy birthday!
- 28th - 30th Closed Thanksgiving Day & weekend** - We will be closed Thanksgiving Day through Sunday, reopening on Monday, December 2nd to spend the holiday with our families.

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this winter



**GIVING THE GIFT  
OF WARMTH**



Mokena, IL donations benefit



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helping Chicago's South Suburbs

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Highland, IN donations benefit



helping Northwest Indiana  
& Chicagoland

Last December, we had our first ever winter coat drive. Thanks to you, it was a huge success! This December, we would like to do a little more to help many homeless families get through this winter season. Please see below for the three areas where "giving the gift of warmth" will make a difference. Please note we can only accept donations of items that are new or gently used, without broken zippers, rips or tears.

- **WINTER COATS** – All sizes from infant, baby, toddler, junior, adult and extended sizes are needed. Snow pants, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens would also be useful.
- **BLANKETS OR SLEEPING BAGS** – The temperature is already dipping into the 30's. We are looking for gently used or new blankets and sleeping bags.
- **SOCKS** – These are the most needed and least donated item.

Items brought to our Mokena, Illinois showroom will be benefiting Together We Cope in Tinley Park, Illinois. Together We Cope is a homeless prevention agency serving 27 communities in 4 townships in Chicago's south suburbs. Their mission is to bridge the gap for Southland residents in temporary crisis by providing food, shelter, clothing and referrals, empowering them to return to self-sufficiency. More information is available about Together We Cope at [togetherwecope.com](http://togetherwecope.com), calling (708) 633-5040 or emailing [tarvetis@togetherwecope.org](mailto:tarvetis@togetherwecope.org).

Items brought to our Highland, Indiana showroom will be benefiting Grace Beyond Borders in East Chicago, Indiana. Grace Beyond Borders was founded by Marcus Martin in 2013 to provide food, clothing and short- or long-term shelter to those in need in Northwest Indiana and Chicagoland area. Rescuing lives and ending homelessness, their goal is transformation and restoration by offering a hand up... not a handout. More information on Grace Beyond Borders is available at [gracebeyondborders.org](http://gracebeyondborders.org), by calling (219) 712-5192 or emailing [mmminc53@gmail.com](mailto:mmminc53@gmail.com).

We will be taking donations December 1st thru December 31st. Thank you in advance for helping keep those less fortunate warm this winter!

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### Great American Smoke-Out Day

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Quitting smoking is not an easy task. Often, it takes repeated efforts. That's okay as long as you keep trying until you finally succeed. The health benefits and the prospect of a longer life are crystal clear.

The American Cancer Society encourages all smokers to give up the "butt." Join millions of other Americans on Great American Smoke-Out Day and take a big step to a happier, healthier, longer life.

The American Cancer Society created this day back in 1977. They have promoted it annually since then. Hopefully, someday, this special day will no longer be needed.

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### MEET OUR NEW & RETURNING FRIENDS & CLIENTS...

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## What Adoption Is When You Parent Kids from Hard Places

### ADOPTION IS ...

... the seed planted in your heart the first time you hear of children without a home. It's the moment seared into your heart when you saw the face of a child, and you knew they were yours.

... love at first sight and scared to death. It is wanting to run away and never say goodbye all at once.

... coming home with your new child for the first time. It is surreal and amazing. Your world collided with theirs, and now you are forever intertwined.

... the late-night researching of attachment disorders, trauma, fetal alcohol syndrome and pouring your worries out in online support groups so you can have the strength to get up in the morning and try again.

... having your eyes forever opened to the fact that this world is full of pain, suffering and injustice. This precious child you love so much is now safe, wanted and loved, but you know now there are millions who are not. Their sad faces and hollow eyes haunt you. "Can you find us a family?" will echo in your memory forever because you once thought adoption was like a puzzle with each child fitting into a family. Now you know it's not true. There are families, but not enough want to take a risk on a wounded child.

... having the rose-colored glasses ripped from your face because you thought adoption was a fairy tale, but instead, you have realized it's a battlefield. Not everyone can do this. It's hard. It's messy. It will require things from you that you could never have imagined.

... knowing that children are not "lucky." Losing their first family is not lucky; it's unimaginable, a heart-wrenching loss that never, ever goes away. It is knowing they may call someone else mom and being OK with it.

... worrying about your child until 2 am, wondering if you've tried hard enough, second-guessing everything. It's worrying you aren't spending enough time worrying about your other kids because you are so worried about the one. It's wondering if things will ever get better. Will any of us be OK?

... advocating for your child to receive therapies, special education evaluations and medical treatment. It's sitting stoic and strong in IEP meetings, then crying all the way home. It's emails and phone calls to advocates and social workers, begging for help. It's watching the time tick away from a child who already started behind the clock. It's feeling like you are failing and hating how broken the system is.

... entering a world so different from the one you lived in before that it's hard to relate to anyone anymore. People talk about being upset their favorite show got canceled while you are re-reading a 35-page neuropsychological evaluation through tear-filled eyes.

... feeling misunderstood. People wonder why you are so edgy, defensive and unavailable these days. They don't see the late nights, the trauma behaviors, the crying every day over school, endless meetings, judgmental teachers and never-ending therapies.

... feeling as if you can never ask for help. After all, you wanted this, and people warned you it would be hard. Admitting that some days, it's just too much would be admitting you're feeling like a failure — wouldn't it? Or even worse, would you be admitting you can't parent this child?

... a joy. It's the first time your child draws a picture of your family with themselves in it. It's that first little note that says, "I love you, mom."

... finding out who your real friends are and being indescribably grateful for them while being far too busy to show it.

... finding a whole new tribe of people to connect with. They may be online, but adoptive moms have your back like no one else in this world. They will fundraise for you, cheer for you, send your kids gifts from states away, call in pizza to your house and give you a safe space to vent without judgment. They get it like no one else, and they understand why we all choose to do it again, and again and again.

... pain and loss mixed with healing and redemption. It's the best and the worst of humanity at the same time. It is wishing a person you may never meet would have had enough support in their life to lovingly parent the child you now call yours.

... knowing you are not a "special person." You learn something new every day you wish you had known years ago. You cry, research, cry, advocate, cry, go to therapy, cry, and try, try again tomorrow! You are a mom, and moms do anything for their kids.

... making it through the adjustment period and coming out on the other side. Maybe years have passed full of days that felt like they'd never end, but you can finally see your child is healing. Hope turns to excitement as the good days begin to outweigh the bad. Eventually, a feeling of normalcy is reached, and you remember what it feels like to breathe again.

... knowing love doesn't care what color your skin is or if your eyes match. Love opens its doors, its heart and its arms. Love says, "I want you for who you are now and whatever you will become." Love sees past the behavior and says, "I hear you." Love sees the worst but never gives up.

Adoption is... love.

### ADOPTION DAY!

"Marissa Rae Bouquet ❤️ After 4 long years in foster care, we're beyond grateful to celebrate her forever with all of us. She wasn't a part of our plans, but thankfully God has better plans. An encouraging judge at Daly Center, a beautiful day to walk to Italian Village for our celebration, and most importantly, friends and family standing with us in support." ❤️ ~Annie Bouquet, October 15, 2019



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## MEGA Trivia Contest

Who wants to WIN a \$50 Gift Card towards dinner at TGI Friday's, Olive Garden or Beggars Pizza?

Take our Trivia Challenge!

This month's Mega Trivia question:

**How much did George Halas pay for the Chicago Bears franchise in 1921?**

(A) \$1,000

(B) \$100,000

(C) \$100

(D) \$10,000

To enter, visit our website at [www.creativecarpetinc.com](http://www.creativecarpetinc.com), click on "MEGA Trivia" under *Specials* and take your best guess. Your chances of winning are better than you think! Winner will be announced in the following month's newsletter. Entry deadline, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Good luck!!!

Answer to October's quiz:

A) The Coca Cola Bottle

Congratulations to last month's winner:

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- Donna C. of Frankfort, IL

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### **Kindergartners Share how to Make Thanksgiving Turkey**

- ✓ Russell - You cut the turkey up and put it in the oven for ten minutes and 300 degrees. You put gravy on it and eat it.
- ✓ Jeremy - You buy the turkey and take the paper off. Then you put it in the refrigerator and take it back out and cut it with a knife and make sure all the wires are out and take out the neck and heart. Then you put it in a big pan and cook it for half an hour at 80 degrees. Then you invite people over and eat.
- ✓ Meghan - You cut it into 16 pieces and then you leave it in the oven for 15 minutes and 4 degrees. You take it out and let it cool and then after 5 minutes, you eat it.
- ✓ Danny - You put some salt on it to make it taste good. Then you put it in the oven. Then you cook it for an hour at 5 degrees. Then you eat it.
- ✓ Brandon - First you buy it at Fred Meyer. Then you cut it up and cook it for 15 hours at 200 degrees. Then you take it out and eat it.
- ✓ Irene - Put it on a plate and put it in the oven with gravy. You cook it for 1 minute and for 100 degrees. Then it's all cooked. Your mom or dad cuts it and then eat.
- ✓ Moriah - First you cut the bones out. Then you put it in the oven for 10 hours at 600 degrees. Then you put it on the table and eat it.
- ✓ Vincent - You cut and put sauce on it. Then you cook it for 18 minutes at 19 degrees. Then you eat it with stuffing.
- ✓ Jordyn - First you have to cut it up and put it on a plate in the oven for 9 minutes and 18 degrees. Then you dig it out of the oven and eat it.
- ✓ Grace - First you add some salt. Then you put it in a bowl. Then you put brown sugar on it. Then you mix it all together with a spoon and then you add some milk and mix it again. And then you put it in a pan. Then you put it in the oven for 15 minutes and 16 degrees. Then you take it out of the oven and then you eat it.
- ✓ Alan - First you shoot it and then you cut it. And then you put it in the oven and cook it for 10 minutes and 20 degrees. You put it on plates and then you eat it.
- ✓ Jordan - First you put it in the oven for 15 minutes at 100 degrees. Then you cut it up and then you eat it.
- ✓ Whitney - Cut it and put it in the oven for 50 minutes at 60 degrees and then you eat it.
- ✓ Christine - First you buy the turkey. Then you cook it for 5 hours and 5 degrees. Then you cut it up and you eat it.
- ✓ Christina - Get the turkey. Put it in the oven. Cook it for 43 minutes at 35 degrees. Put it on a plate, cut it up, then eat it.
- ✓ Sean - Put it in the oven for 5 minutes at 55 degrees. Take it out and eat it.
- ✓ Lauren - First you find a turkey and kill it. Cut it open. Put it in a pan. Pour milk in the pan. Put a little chicken with it. Put salsa on it. Take out of pan. Put it on the board. Cut into little pieces. Put on a rack. Put in the oven for 7 minutes at 10 degrees. Take out of the oven and put eensy weensy bit of sugar on it. Put a little more salsa on it. Then you eat it.
- ✓ Kayla - Buy it. Take it home. Then you cook it. Put it in the oven for 1 hour. Take it out of the oven. Put it on a plate. Then you eat it.

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*What is the funniest thing a child has ever said to YOU? Please email [dawn.g@creativecarpetinc.com](mailto:dawn.g@creativecarpetinc.com) and share your story we can feature in a future Creative Carpet & Flooring Creative Thinking newsletter!*



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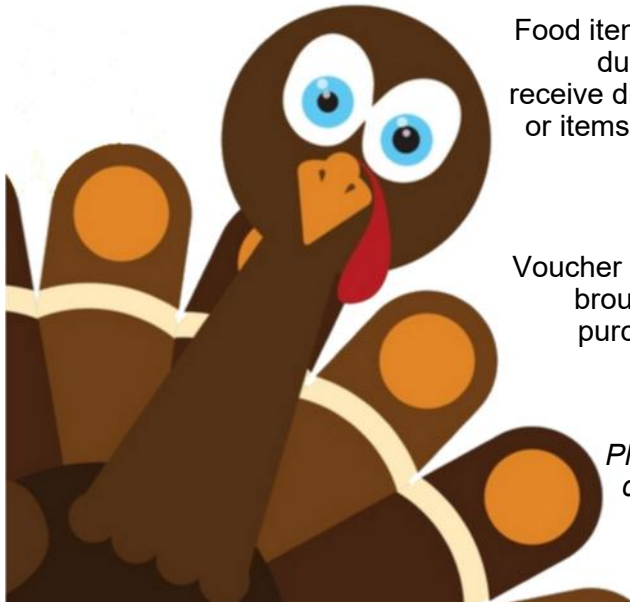




# Help a family in need for our Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Bring in at least 10 non-perishable items and we'll knock an additional \$50 off your order.

**Valid November 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**One \$50 discount per household**



Food items can be given during measure to receive discount voucher or items can be brought in to store.

Voucher or food must be brought in at time of purchase to receive discount!

*Please be sure to check expiration dates before donating.*

## Shopping List

### Basics:

- ✓ Boxed Stuffing Mix (like Stovetop)
- ✓ Instant Mashed Potatoes in boxes or packets
- ✓ Jars of Turkey Gravy or Dried Gravy Mix Packets
- ✓ Canned Yams
- ✓ Cranberry Sauce
- ✓ Canned Veggies (green beans, corn, peas)
- ✓ Cornbread Mix
- ✓ Canned Pumpkin or Fruit Pie Filling
- ✓ Pie Crust Mix
- ✓ Salt and Pepper
- ✓ Vegetable Oil
- ✓ Powdered Drink Mixes
- ✓ Can of Instant Coffee (Some families may not be able to afford coffee makers)
- ✓ Box of Tea Bags
- ✓ Can of Dried Coffee Creamer
- ✓ Bag of Sugar
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Bags of Dried Beans
- ✓ Jar of Peanut Butter
- ✓ Jar of Jam
- ✓ Jar of Mayo
- ✓ Boxes of Jell-O or Pudding Mix
- ✓ Box of Cereal
- ✓ Box of Crackers with Can of Squeeze Cheese
- ✓ Box of Graham Crackers
- ✓ Foil Baking Pans
- ✓ Paper Plates
- ✓ Napkins
- ✓ Plastic Utensils
- ✓ Paper Towels

### Extras:

- ✓ Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- ✓ Fixings for Green Bean Casserole – Cream of Mushroom Soup, Canned Green Beans, French Fried Onions
- ✓ Cake Mix or Brownie Mix and Can of Frosting

## Items brought to Mokena, IL showroom will benefit:



### Frankfort Township Food Pantry

The Frankfort Township Food Pantry assists families in need in Frankfort, Mokena, parts of Tinley Park and Orland Park.

[frankforttownship.com/p/food\\_pantry](http://frankforttownship.com/p/food_pantry)

## Items brought to Highland, IN showroom will benefit:



### Grace Beyond Borders

Your donation allows Grace Beyond Borders to serve the most vulnerable in the Northwest Indiana community.

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