



*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

Margaret Meade

Dear Holmes Families,

After a TREMENDOUS response last year, we have decided to again participate in the Oak Park/River Forest Holiday Gift Basket Program. This will be the 6th year that Holmes will be participating in this program. We’re asking the Holmes School families to become involved in helping the larger Oak Park/River Forest Community through the Community of Congregations Holiday Food and Gift Basket Program.

We are handling this as a group project, you will not be asked to purchase an individual gift. The suggested donation is \$5 per student to cover the cost of purchasing gifts for these families, however any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please submit donations in an envelope marked “gift basket” to your child’s teacher by **Friday, November 16th**.

Showing our students that they can make a difference is an invaluable life lesson. We’re very excited about participating as a whole school this year. Please share in our enthusiasm by helping your child understand the importance of sharing and helping those in need. Last year we were able to purchase gifts for 26 people.

Please contact Lori Krikau, lkrikau@op97.org or Margaret O’Malley momalley@op97.org with any questions about this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Lori & Margaret