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## **Thiensville Furniture Store plans to aid Family Sharing**

Thiensville – When Tara Wilke, the owner of McNabb & Risley furniture, saw a recent article in the News Graphic about the challenges Family Sharing is facing, it didn't take long for her to decide that she and her business needed to get involved.

Wilke said she was surprised at the level of need that's present in what many consider to be one of the most affluent areas in the state.

"It's at a critical point and they need food for the families that they're serving," she said. "This is a very large county and it's hitting hard here."

McNabb & Risley is working with its designers in a joint effort to help the Grafton food pantry. The designers are making eight holiday wreaths. They will be displayed at the store, 215 N. Main St., starting on Friday. They will be given away in drawings on Dec. 17.

Opportunities to win the wreaths, which would each sell for about \$150, will be given to individuals who come into the store and either make donations of cash or items needed by the food pantry.

The wreaths will take on different holiday themes. For instance, one is geared toward dog lovers, another has a '60s feel to it and a third is geared to New Year's revelry.

"It's not just McNabb & Risley," Wilke said. "My designers are really excited to be part of this."

Donors will be able to specify their first and second choice of wreath on their entry into the drawing.

"You'll be doing a really good deed and you have a chance to win a designer wreath," said Wilke, who added that the store will match the first \$1,000 in cash donations it collects.

While Family Sharing has a number of items for which there is always a need (see accompanying story), Wilke suggested it would be nice if donors got their kids involved in the project by making a trip to the grocery store to shop for items that might make the holidays special for others.

For instance, Wilke says she has fond holiday memories of eating pancakes and her mom's chocolate chip cookies.

McNabb & Risley, which has sold furniture from the same Thiensville location for 56 years, has been involved in other charitable activities around the holidays in the past, including the Rare Chair Affair breast cancer fundraiser and furniture donations to Advocates of Ozaukee.

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