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Lackawanna students donate Thanksgiving baskets to Carbondale shelter

SCRANTON, Pa. – A dozen Lackawanna College students recently donated 23 baskets filled with all of the trimmings for a Thanksgiving meal to a Carbondale-based homeless shelter.

Students in Tracy Dranchak’s human services course organized the collection as part of the course’s traditional service project. Through the aid of family, friends, and local supermarkets including Wegmans, Price Chopper, Weis Market, and Walmart, students collected a variety of goods and more than $1,000.

“Each semester, the students identify a population in need, raise money, and fulfill that need,” Dranchak said.

Students filled the baskets – each expected to feed up to six people - inside Seeley Hall on Lackawanna’s Scranton campus, and they were delivered ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday to Schaeffer’s Retreat Homeless Shelter in Carbondale. The shelter would facilitate the delivery of the donated goods to families who had recently transitioned out of the facility, according to Dranchak.

In addition, students also assembled personal hygiene kits to be delivered to other homeless shelters in northeastern Pennsylvania.

CAPTION: Students assembling Thanksgiving baskets that were donated to Schaeffer’s Retreat Homeless Shelter in Carbondale are, from left, front, Brandi Grunza, Carbondale; Carissa James, Peckville; Marion Hodle, Pleasant Mount; Shadeau Muia, Dunmore; and Joan Coles, Dunmore. Back, Shameeka Jones, John Pehanich, Tierney Clark, Abby Hines, and Maggie Musewicz, all of Scranton; Human Services Instructor Tracy Dranchak; and Mary Bullet, Jermyn.