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### HANNAFORD PROVIDES THANKSGIVING MEALS TO FAMILIES

November 30, 2009, Poughkeepsie, NY – When Hannaford Store #340 in Kingston, NY contacted Abilities First to ask what they might do to help support people with disabilities served by the organization, the answer was easy: help Abilities First to provide food to as many families in need as possible for Thanksgiving this year. As a result 20 families with served by the organization were given turkeys and all the trimmings to prepare their Thanksgiving meals.

This all began with the untimely passing of a Hannaford employee, Brandon Wolf, several months ago. Brandon's mother had worked at Abilities First's school in Beacon and requested that memorial contributions be directed to the school. Hannaford employees continued to seek ways to honor Brandon through contributions to this nonprofit organization. Abilities First's Social Work and Service Coordination Department solicits donations of food and gifts every holiday season for its families in need. This year was already turning out to be more difficult than most with donations being less available and the needs of people with disabilities and their families being greater, so they were thrilled with the generosity of Hannaford Store #340 and its employees!

*Abilities First, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides a wide range of educational, vocational, residential and clinical programs and services to over 2,000 people with disabilities of all ages and their families, in the Mid Hudson Valley region of NY.*

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