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22nd Year of Turkey Basket Give Away

Oakland, CA —For the last 22 years, *Ms. Maryann Mitchell of the Oakland Police Department's Identification Section* has been giving to Oakland Families who are less fortunate and in need during the holidays.

Ms. Mitchell along with her family and volunteers from the Evangelistic Outreach Association prepares bags of food that include a turkey. Safeway, for the past seven years, has generously donated 100 turkeys to the program each year.

Ms. Mitchell said “this is just one way for members of the department to give back to the community and especially those who are in need during this time of year.”

Yesterday, Officer Ann Pierce delivered one of the turkey baskets to baby Knowland and his family. Baby Knowland was born on November 9, 2012 at 6:37 PM, with the assistance of three OPD officers. Baby Knowland weighed 7 lbs., 9oz, the turkey delivered yesterday weighed 13lbs, 3.5 oz.

During the year names of recipients are submitted by department personnel to Ms. Mitchell for her turkey basket give away program. Ms. Mitchell relies on donations from police officers and employees of the Oakland Police Department to keep the program going.

To donate, contact Ms. Mitchell at the Oakland Police Department Identification Section at (510) 238-2189 or Evangelistic Outreach Association (510) 533-5476.

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