

The Annual Gregory Bousquet Holiday Wish Drive

It is the time of year when we remember Gregory Bousquet and his care of others through the Annual Holiday Wish Drive. The holiday spirit comes to life in all of us as we deliver gifts to members of our community, children and adults alike, who find themselves in need this holiday season - as well as send care packages to our service men and women overseas.

Please join us in the Annual Gregory Bousquet Holiday Wish Drive by:

- **Selecting and purchasing a gift or gift card**
- **Selecting and purchasing an item for a military service care package**
- **Making a donation that will be used to buy a gift, a gift card, or a care package item**

How the program works: On **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21st**, the gift/item lists will be posted in the KES Front Office, the St. Lawrence Church, and Killingworth True Value store. To participate, simply: 1) take a card with a gift (or item) listed on it, and 2) purchase the gift (item), and 3) return the gift (item) and the card to the gift box located in the Front Office, the church, or the store.

All gifts (items) must be delivered to the locations listed above on or before **TUESDAY DECEMBER 13th**.

- Toys or clothing should be new and in the original package and UNWRAPPED.
- Send to KWO any gift cards (prefer \$25 denominations, but all are welcome), *keep names blank*
- Donations can be sent to the same address (payable to KWO – we'll purchase a gift (item) on your behalf)
 - The Killingworth Women's Organization
 - PO Box 952
 - Killingworth, CT 06419

Helping Hands is working along with the Killingworth Women's Organization to coordinate the drive to fulfill our neighbor's wishes. **Thank you for your generosity and happy holidays to you and your family.**

Drive Begins: Monday, November 21st

Drive Ends: Tuesday, December 13th

Where to Go: KES Front Office, St. Lawrence Church **Email questions to: info@kwoc.org**
Killingworth True Value (near registers)

Who was Gregory Bousquet? And, how will he, again, inspire us all this holiday season?

Gregory in some ways was a typical young man – he was a boy scout, played hockey, made friends easily and par-took in his fair share of shenanigans. After finishing Killingworth High School in 1994, he went on to Culinary School. He had real talent in the kitchen...it was very promising, but unfortunately, not to ever be. On one fateful evening Gregory and his friends went to a dance club where he became an innocent victim, caught in the cross fire of a disgruntled patron who came to the club with a gun.

Jackie and Bob Bousquet, 28 year residents of Killingworth, and their two sons, Rob and Nicholas, knew Gregory as a bright spirit – “he would light up the room,” Jackie says. But it was in stories told in the services and the years following, that the Bousquet family learned of the depth of Gregory's compassion and the impact it had in the community. Gregory generously gave friendship to those who needed it – especially during tough times, he'd visit the homebound elderly, and delivered gifts to families in need

during the holidays— a 20 year old wise with compassion beyond his years. In his short lifetime his love and care left a mark with all who came in contact with him. We honor his spirit through the Wish Drive.