

# Marie Richards Food & Toy Drive



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## **A Message from My Mother, Maria Reitano, Owner of Marie Richards Jewelers**

### **Support the Marie Richards Food & Toy Drive**

A few years back around the holidays, a woman came into my store telling me about the hard times her community was having. Children in her school district didn't look at this time of year as "joyous," but looked at each day as just another tough day - families struggling not only to buy Christmas gifts, but struggling with how to put food on the table. I made sure that year to donate what I could in terms of both food and toys to the Copaugue School District to help make the holidays shine bright for these families.

In times like these with a suffering economy, it is more important than ever to help each other, especially at this time of year - remember, it's supposed to be a time of giving. This woman, who had touched me so deeply years ago, has come back to me this year asking for my help - so we at Marie Richards Jewelers will be accepting both Non-Perishable Food and Toy Donations to be given to the Copaugue School District.

Please bring your Non-Perishable Food Donations, as well as Wrapped or Un-wrapped Toys down to either Marie Richards Jewelers location and help our local families in need. (Please notate the age group for your toy donation on the outside if wrapped).

Please bring any donations to us by December 20th, so we have time to distribute them in time for the Christmas Holiday.

I know we can do something good together for our communities.

Thank you,

Maria Reitano  
Owner, Marie Richards Jewelers

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