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SHARE offers a festive Christmas dinner for \$30

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Celebrate the holidays and stay on budget with SHARE Food Buying Club. This nonprofit, volunteer-run organization has helped families save 30 percent to 50 percent on quality food for more than 25 years, and the holidays are no exception.

This year, for just \$30 plus a small shipping and handling fee in some areas, SHARE's Christmas Dinner Package contains all of the fixings to prepare a complete holiday spread for a family of six. This year's package includes a seasonal fresh produce assortment that's larger than ever, plus dessert.

Everyone is welcome to purchase food through SHARE. There are no eligibility requirements or income limits. Families can purchase and pick up their dinner package and a wide selection of other quality foods at one of nearly 200 SHARE locations throughout Wisconsin, northeastern Minnesota, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and northern Illinois.

The local SHARE site is located at the Veterans Center in downtown Hayward.

The SHARE Christmas Dinner Package features a six-pound boneless honey ham, canned pineapple, a sweet potato casserole, eight premium dinner rolls, an eight-inch pre-baked apple pie, and over 10 pounds of fresh produce including potatoes, carrots, broccoli, apples, oranges and other seasonal varieties (produce selection may vary).

Families can shop for the Christmas Dinner Package online with a credit or debit card at www.sharewi.org through Sunday, Dec. 4. SHARE's main office is accepting orders with credit, debit and SNAP (food stamp) cards through Friday, Dec. 2 by calling toll-free (800) 548-2124. Pick-up will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17 at most SHARE sites.

With the continued economic downturn making it difficult for many families to make ends meet, SHARE also invites the public to help others in need this holiday season. You can purchase a dinner package for a family you know, or make a donation and SHARE will provide a dinner to a deserving family on your behalf. More information and a secure online donation page are available at www.sharewi.org.

Businesses, churches, service clubs and social service organizations are also welcome to purchase dinner packages through SHARE for their holiday outreach programs. Many groups raise funds, then purchase holiday dinner packages to distribute to local families in need. For these groups, SHARE offers an affordable and convenient way to brighten the holidays for families in difficult circumstances.

SHARE's efforts to serve the community with savings on quality food would not be possible without volunteers. More help is needed during the busy holiday season, but the need exists all year long. Visit www.sharewi.org or call toll-free (800) 548-2124 for information on volunteering with SHARE in your community.

