The University of Toledo

Food, donation drive Nov. 27 to benefit victims of Hurricane Sandy

By Casey Cheap : November 20th, 2012

Sherris Anne Schwind’s American Language Institute classes have put a new spin on Thanksgiving this year.

In addition to giving thanks and sharing a meal, the Many Nations One Family event will be a donation and food drive to assist those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

Students in the class will collect canned foods, coats and monetary donations Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. inside the Student Union Auditorium. All proceeds will go to the American Red Cross Greater Toledo Area Chapter, the Cherry Street Mission and ISOH/IMPACT.

“It doesn’t matter where you are from, we are all humans and should help each other,” said Mohammed Albaaj, a student in the American Language Institute. “We should be thankful and help so next time this happens, someone will help us.”

When UT community members return from spending their traditional Thanksgivings with family, they can attend this event and not only give donations, but also purchase some international cuisine for $3 during the one-day event.

Food available will include kabseh, hummus, tabuleh, fatoosh, Chinese chicken and rice, Chinese pork and rice, cookies, and cake according to Schwind.

The American Language Institute classes also will document its experience at the donation drive and plans to screen the film of the event Thursday, Nov. 29, at 3:15 p.m. in Student Union Room 3018.

The drive is the latest in the class’ broader efforts to better the world. Students also have been affiliated with 1Matters, a charity that assists homeless and low-income people, said Zainab Alsadah, an advanced student in the American Language Institute.