

**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DATE: 11/30/05**

Glen Road, Jay, New York 12941
Contact: Mary Rankin, Mkt. Mgr., 946-2110 ext. 121
Phone: 518.946.2110 * Fax: 518.946.2188
Email: mrankin@wardlumber.com

Ward Lumber and Non-Profit Agencies Collecting Food and Toys

Jay, NY. - Ward Lumber is working with area agencies to collect non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys, and other gifts through December 16th for those in need this holiday season.

Ward Lumber's Plattsburgh store is accepting non-perishable food items to support the non-perishable food items to the Plattsburgh JCEO Food Pantry. The Jay Store is accepting items for teens aged 13-18 (an age group that is frequently forgotten at this time of year). Specific, unwrapped items needed are new and gently used gloves, hats, scarves, body lotions, earrings, hair dyes, non-perishable food items, etc. to support Families First in Essex County. The Malone store is accepting new, unwrapped toys to support the Salvation Army in Franklin County.

All items collected will be donated to these agencies and distributed to families that have a financial need and might not otherwise have the ability to provide these items.

Ward Lumber is a three-unit building materials supplier with locations in Jay, Plattsburgh, and Malone, NY. One of the largest private employers in Essex County, Ward Lumber manages over 5,000 acres of timberland and operates one of New York State's largest white pine sawmills and planing mills.

END