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\$2K grant to help New Opportunities clients feast on Thanksgiving

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To make sure everyone has a turkey, cranberry sauce and other dinner supplies for the upcoming holiday, New Opportunities is using money from a new grant for families in the Carroll area on Thanksgiving.

New Opportunities in Carroll recently was awarded a \$2,000 grant from Farm Credit Services of America to help supply its food pantry, which serves low-income families in Carroll County with food from the pantry once a month.

About \$500 of the grant will go to putting together "Thanksgiving totes" for

families in the area, said Kristina Grossman, a Carroll County family development center coordinator for New Opportunities. The totes will include either a turkey or ham, cranberry sauce, corn, green beans and other Thanksgiving goods a family needs.

More than 70 people have signed up to receive a tote, and Grossman said she expects more will sign up in the coming week prior to the holiday.

Grossman said the food the organization purchases comes from the Food Bank of Iowa. In the past, New

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New Opportunities in Carroll was awarded a \$2,000 grant from Farm Credit Services of America Nov. 9. The money will go to New Opportunities' food pantry and will help the organization put together Thanksgiving baskets for its clients. Pictured are: (from left) Kristina Grossman, Carroll County Family Development Center coordinator, and Maria Blair, a Farm Credit insurance officer.

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Opportunities has bought about 3,000 pounds of food for about \$100, so the \$2,000 grant will go a long way, she

said.

"This money from this grant is going to stretch awhile," she said. "I am really looking forward to that."

She added, "Through this grant and other grants simi-

lar to it, we're able to give back to the community of Carroll County and not have to worry about where that money is going to have to come from, so we can run these programs and help the clients that we have."