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### MAYFLOWER RETIREMENT COMMUNITY SPONSORS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

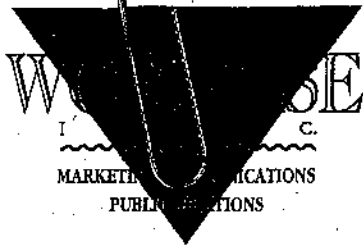
WINTER PARK -- Everything from a live turkey to "Pilgrims," "Indians" and an 18 ft. Mayflower ship will set the scene at "Thanksgiving Harvest," a food drive sponsored by The Mayflower Retirement Community.

Dressed in costume and gathered around the replica of the ship that brought Pilgrims to America, Mayflower residents and staff will collect non-perishable foods on November 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Mayflower grounds. Foods such as canned vegetables, canned fruit, rice and boxed stuffing will be accepted. Cash donations to purchase perishable items such as turkeys, bread, and fresh vegetables will also be needed.

The "Thanksgiving Harvest" food drive will be co-sponsored by The Christian Service Center For Central Florida, Inc., a non-profit social service agency serving the poor, hungry and homeless since 1971.

For more information about food or cash donations, contact Betty Nelson at The Mayflower, (407) 672-1620. Please make checks payable to the Christian Service Center, 808 W. Central Boulevard, Orlando, FL 328805.

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**FROM ONE "MAYFLOWER" TO ANOTHER:  
PILGRIM DESCENDANTS TAKE PRIDE IN ANCESTRY**

Winter Park, FL. -- Mary Colley, 94, pulled a slightly dusty, thick binder from her closet. Inside, the pages told a story of her family history -- one that she can be proud of and thankful for this Thanksgiving Holiday.

Colley is a descendent of William Brewster, one of the courageous Pilgrims who left England on the Mayflower and landed at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts in 1620. Many died that first winter of hunger, sickness and freezing temperatures, but those remaining went on to live a life of freedom in America.

"It's hard to imagine what they went through," Colley said. "I think they were a very brave group."

Colley lives at The Mayflower Retirement Community in Winter Park, Florida. She said it adds a nice touch that her retirement home is named after The Mayflower.

Sonia Richardson, president of the Mayflower Retirement Community's board of directors, is also president of the 90-member Central Florida chapter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Her husband, Harold, is also a Mayflower descendant and a genealogist. "I knew as a child I was a descendant of John Alden since my father's name is Brainerd Alden Thresher, but it was my

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