

# Christmas Tradition

## Handmade Olive Branch Wreath Is Gift of Peace and Helps Eliminate U.S. Hunger

(NAPSA)—This holiday season, a handmade holiday wreath of olive branches helps eradicate hunger in the U.S. The freshly made wreath can hang on the front door as a welcome to friends and family or festively decorate a holiday dinner table. All profits from the wreath sales go to America's Second Harvest—The Nation's Food Bank Network, the largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

To celebrate the giving program's fifth year, Lindsay Olives has returned to the traditional round wreath. Fresh, green olive branches, universally recognized as a symbol of peace, are handwoven together to create a 20-inch wreath. An elegant 12-inch-long gold metal hanger is included, so the wreath can be easily hung on any door.

Each wreath is handwoven from green olive branches freshly cut from California groves and the wreath dries to a beautiful silvery green color. Available now to December, the Lindsay Olive Holiday Wreath is perfect for gift giving as it represents a gesture of peace towards one another.

The Lindsay Olive Holiday Wreath will be available exclusively at [www.lindsayolives.com](http://www.lindsayolives.com) or by calling (800) 765-2029. The wreath costs \$50, plus shipping. Orders will be accepted starting October 1 and will be delivered through December 22. A personalized colorful gift card can be enclosed with each wreath and hanger.



**THE GIFT OF GIVING—This handmade olive branch wreath is a gift of peace that also helps to eliminate hunger in the U.S.**

### A Long History

Archives of ancient civilizations dating back thousands of years, including the Bible, refer to the olive branch as a symbol of peace and goodwill. In the Bible's book of Genesis, the dove that Noah sent from the ark returned with an olive branch, indicating the end of God's anger. The olive tree is one of the oldest trees on Earth. According to Greek myth, the olive tree was a gift from the goddess Athena. While arguing with the god Poseidon about the possession of the province of Attica, Athena drove her spear into the ground to stake her claim. An olive tree sprang up at that very spot. The city that was later built was called Athens in her honor.