Deliver Meals on Thanksgiving

All volunteer spots for Thanksgiving are full! Thank you so much to everyone who has made our Thanksgiving possible. Looking for another way to support God’s Love? Sponsor a holiday meal for just $10 here!

FAQs: Holidays & Special Projects

What are your COVID-19 protocols?

To ensure the safety of our volunteers, staff and clients on Thanksgiving Day, we will implement COVID-related protocols for everyone to observe.

- PPE (masks, gloves, hand sanitizer) will be available at all Thanksgiving Center locations
- We will enforce social distancing protocols at each Center – some will feature curbside pick-up, others will strictly limit the number of individuals who can come indoors with a combination of a socially-distanced outdoor/ indoor line and staggered arrival times for volunteers.
- We will ask all volunteers to refrain from volunteering on Thanksgiving Day if they or a member of their household:
  - Have a temperature exceeding 100 degrees;
  - Traveled internationally or domestically other than to Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania or Vermont within the 14 days preceding Thanksgiving;
- Tested positive for COVID-19 and/or have experienced any of the below symptoms within the 14 days preceding Thanksgiving
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you need to cancel your Thanksgiving Day volunteering registration with us due to your compliance with our COVID protocols or for any reason, please contact the Volunteer Department by emailing volunteer@glwd.org.

**How are Thanksgiving deliveries made during COVID?**

Volunteer arrival times at all distribution centers will be staggered to allow for social distancing. Some distribution centers will have curbside pickup, some will have indoor food pick-up with socially-distanced outdoor/indoor lines, in others, we plan to bring meals out to peoples’ cars. All meal deliveries will be contactless, and all volunteer activities will be socially distanced.

The volunteer will call each client five minutes prior to arrival, to give the client a heads-up. At the client’s door, they will knock, and leave the meal at the doorway. The volunteer will then step back 6 or more feet and wait for the client to open the door and retrieve the meal. The volunteer and client (while masked, of course), will exchange a smile, Thanksgiving greeting, and a wave, and then the volunteer will head out to make their next deliveries.

**What if I need to cancel my shift?**

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**Can I volunteer with my family?**

Families are welcome to deliver together, but this year we do encourage people to bring along only one adult “co-pilot” to assist in delivering meals to help us reduce the number of individuals entering a facility and to ensure social distancing.

**What are the holidays like at God’s Love?**

The holidays are a special time at God’s Love. Our community comes together to help us cook, pack, and home-deliver more than 9,000 holiday meals in Thanksgiving and December. On Thanksgiving, our clients receive a basket filled with treats for their household, in addition to their traditional Thanksgiving feasts (along with an extra meal for a loved one or guest). In December, we deliver gifts to our clients and their children, adding an extra special touch to the holiday season (and let’s not forget their delicious Winter Feast meal for them and a guest, too!)

**Do you have volunteer opportunities at other times of the year?**

Yes! We have volunteer opportunities year-round! View all of our opportunities [here](#).
What volunteer opportunities do you have for Thanksgiving?

We have many volunteer opportunities including delivering meals, meal prep, and more. Learn more about our opportunities here.

What volunteer opportunities do you have on Christmas Day?

We are closed on Christmas Day and do not have any volunteer opportunities available.

What if I need more information?

Please email us at volunteer@glwd.org.

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How To: Thanksgiving Deliveries

Published on Jan 24, 2019

On Thanksgiving, more than 1,000 volunteers help us home-deliver thousands of delicious Thanksgiving meals to our clients, their children, their senior caregivers, and their guests. See how it works and save the date for next year!
Thanksgiving 2018

Published on Nov 29, 2018

On Thanksgiving 2018 we worked with 1,300 volunteers to cook and deliver 6,500 delicious Thanksgiving meals to our clients, their children, their senior caregivers, and their guests. Our biggest thanks to our community who came together to make this happen!
Thanksgiving 2017

Published on Nov 27, 2018

Thanksgiving 2017 was our biggest Thanksgiving ever, and one we won't soon forget. Over 1,000 volunteers helped us cook and home-deliver 5,500 beautiful Thanksgiving meals to over 3,000 households. We are grateful for their big hearts and helping hands. Thank you to everyone who made last year's holiday such a big, wonderful, and festive success!

Thanksgiving 2014 -- in Brooklyn!

Thanksgiving is a very special time at God's Love We Deliver. We work with over 1,000 volunteers to help us cook and delivery nearly 4,000 special holiday meals, complete with all the trimmings! This year we celebrated Thanksgiving in our temporary Brooklyn location. Meet our client, Sarah, and our volunteers Ivy and watch the holiday action!
1995 Christmas holiday meal delivery news coverage with God's Love We Deliver

Published on Dec 25, 1995

Check out our coverage on Christmas day 1995 on Channel 2, WPIX 11, and Fox 5.

Current Playlist: Swipe for more

- How To: Thanksgiving Deliveries

- Thanksgiving 2018
Crafting with Love during the Holidays

Decorate Thanksgiving Bags or Holiday Cards

We believe the personal touches we add make our meals extra special. This includes a decorated bag used to deliver a Thanksgiving meal and a holiday card during December. Email us at volunteer@glwd.org to get involved.

From the Blog: Volunteer
A happy, joyful, and safe Thanksgiving to all!

We still delivered all of our clients a joyful Thanksgiving Feast this year with contactless deliveries and lots of love. Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at God’s Love!

Helping Hands to Deliver Meals and Deliver Love
Our volunteer Libby Dale, who started volunteering in November 2019 with her first Client Meal Delivery shift, shared with us a recent experience when delivering, and her overall feelings about volunteering. Hear her story b...

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**Remembering Henry van Ameringen**

God’s Love We Deliver mourns the passing of volunteer and philanthropist Henry van Ameringen

**Need More Information?**

View our FAQs and other helpful information on our [Volunteers FAQs page](#).

Or feel free to contact our Volunteer Office via email at volunteer@glwd.org or telephone at 212.294.8158.