Holidays & Special Events: Thanksgiving

Thanks for your interest in volunteering on Thanksgiving! Please submit your information in the form below to get information on Thanksgiving 2022. Our project should be available at the end of September/early October. Thank you!

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FAQs: Thanksgiving

What are contactless deliveries?

Please notify the client in advance that you are on your way. When you arrive at their door, leave the bag of food on the doorknob, knock loudly, step back 6-8 feet and wait for the client to open the door. Then, wish the client a very happy Thanksgiving and have a chat while keeping distance. You must remain masked.

What are your safety protocols for Thanksgiving volunteering?
For everyone’s safety, we require all volunteers to wear a mask while at a center. In addition, all volunteers over the age of 12 who enter a center must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. While we encourage passengers, we ask that only the driver enter the center to pick meals up, to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Also, social distance procedures will need to be followed during meal delivery.

**What should I expect during my delivery shift on Thanksgiving?**

Please allot three hours for this shift, and, be sure to arrive at your center location for the time slot you sign up for. Staff and on-site volunteers will help you check in, and, provide you with a client delivery manifest, delivery instructions, client meals and client household gift totes. You’ll then deliver to 6-8 households and then be finished with your volunteer shift and off to celebrate the day in your own way. Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you!

**Where are meal pick-up locations?**

Our distribution centers are as follows:

- **Bronx**: College of Mount Saint Vincent; 6301 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471
- **Bronx**: RAP4; 1925 Turnbull Avenue, Bronx, 10473
- **Brooklyn**: Industry City; 238 36th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232
- **Brooklyn**: Concord Baptist Church; 833 Gardner C. Taylor Boulevard (Formerly Marcy Avenue), Brooklyn, NY 11216
- **Queens**: Church on the Hill; 167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358
- **Queens**: First United Methodist Church; 162-10 Highland Avenue, Jamaica, Queens, 11432
- **Queens**: St. John’s Univeristy; 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439
- **Jersey City, N.J.**: St. Paul’s Church – 38 Duncan Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304
- **Staten Island**: All Saints Episcopal Church; 2329 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10314
- **Manhattan**: St. Michael’s Church; 225 West 99th Street, New York, NY 10025
- **Manhattan**: God’s Love We Deliver; 166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013

**How many homes will I deliver to?**

As a Volunteer Driver, you will USE YOUR OWN VEHICLE to deliver meals to clients — typically between 6-8 households, and all in proximity to each other. You will also deliver a small shelf-stable meal bag per household.

**Where do you need the most help on Thanksgiving morning?**

Our current highest-need volunteer opportunity is delivery, by car, in the Bronx, Queens, and Brooklyn.

**How can kids help on Thanksgiving?**

Kids are welcome to deliver with their caregivers AND we have a new volunteer opportunity this year! Help our volunteer drivers make deliveries in style this holiday season by drawing “Delivery Volunteer at God’s Love We Deliver” signs for their dashboards. These are not official City-approved signs, but a special way for delivery drivers to indicate to passers-by the important work they are doing. Email...
Do you offer holiday volunteering opportunities?

Yes! The holidays are our busiest time of the year and we need extra help in just about every area. For more information on holiday volunteering, click here. Our onsite opportunities for Thanksgiving fill up quickly, so if you’re interested, get in touch as soon as possible. Online registrations open up in October for Thanksgiving Day. You can contact the Volunteer Department at 212.294.8158 or volunteer@glwd.org to get involved.

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 year?

Yes! We have volunteer opportunities year-round! View all of our opportunities here.

What if I need to cancel my shift?

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.

Can I volunteer with my family?

Families are welcome to deliver together, but 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 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?
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!
Thanksgiving Meals for Ali Forney Center

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