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# Advancing Food is Medicine with our Partners

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We know that food is medicine and that our meals help people heal. That's why God's Love advocates for the integration of food and nutrition services in healthcare. Research from across the country has proven that the act of tailoring each meal to meet a client's specific medical situation works. In fact, it not only improves a client's health outcomes, but also improves medication adherence, and keeps clients out of the hospital and in their homes.

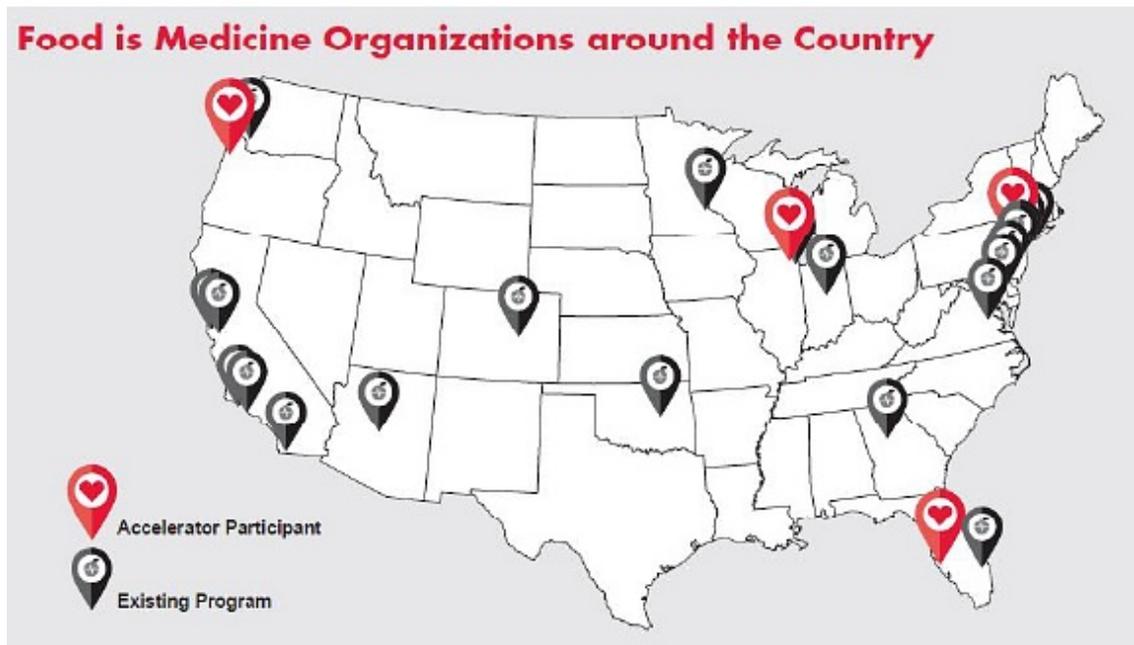
Additionally, adding medically tailored nutrition to a care plan dramatically reduces healthcare costs. To ensure that as many people as possible have access to medically tailored meals as part of their treatment plan, we continue to partner with hospitals, physicians' groups, insurers, and others across the healthcare continuum.

In February, President & CEO Karen Pearl and Senior Director of External Program Affairs Dorella Walters led a training for staff at Healthcare Partners IPA in Garden City. Healthcare Partners manages the care of thousands of people living in the five boroughs of New York City and on Long Island. God's Love is teaming with Healthcare Partners to serve more of their members living with severe and chronic illness. At the training, Karen and Dorella shared with Healthcare Partners staff more about what we do at God's Love and equipped them with the tools they need to work effectively with us to best serve their members.

With our Community Partners Program, God's Love receives reimbursement through contracts with Managed Long-Term Care and Mainstream Medicaid plans, helping to create long-term sustainability for our clients. This also helps position God's Love as a nutrition leader providing health services for those who count on Medicaid for their health care.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with hospital systems, insurers and other service providers to address the needs of those living with serious, life-altering illnesses throughout the city.

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