

Today God's Love reached an historic milestone when we cooked and delivered our 15 millionth meal. How far we've come since God's Love was started when our founder, Ganga Stone, delivered one meal to one man dying of AIDS. Now, we cook and deliver more than 1 million meals a year.

We were very pleased to be joined by many volunteers and supporters today including Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, New York City Council Members Corey Johnson and Robert Cornegy, Sylvia Vogelman, a 22-year volunteer with over 2800 hours of service, Linda Fairstein, a wonderful board member, Michael Sennott, former Board chair for 10 years and current chair of our Expansion Campaign, and the incomparable Joan Rivers.

Over the years, God's Love has seen many changes, perhaps most importantly when we expanded our mission to include people living with all severe illness. However, as much as things change, some things always stay the same.

We are still guided by three core principles: a meal will be delivered on the first delivery day after a client calls for help; we will never charge our clients for our services, and we will never maintain a waiting list as we believe that being sick and hungry is a crisis that demands an immediate response.

We also still work on the model of one person delivering a meal to another person who is too sick to take care of the most basic need – the need for food and nutrition. And we still have thousands of volunteers who pour their hearts and their love into every meal that we cook and deliver.

Some things do change and improve. Our menu continues to evolve to reflect the most current nutrition research. We are developing more specialized menus for specific medical conditions like renal diets and pureed options. And, we are doing more with sustainable agriculture by relying more and more on local dairy and produce farmers.

We couldn't do what we do without your help, and all of your efforts are working. Here's what our clients tell us:

- 90% say that God's Love is helping them live more independently
- 90% say that they eat more nutritiously because of our food
- 87% say that our meals reduce their stress about not having enough food to eat, and improves the overall quality of clients' lives.

A big thanks to our incredible volunteers and supporters for making this work possible, and for contributing so much time and love to help us reach this amazing milestone!

So, thank you for all that you do to support God's Love. It is deeply appreciated.

