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Partnerships in Action: God's Love Hosts Inaugural Community Partners Expo

Many of our partners in the community refer their clients to God's Love without ever having visited our SoHo headquarters. We are working hard to change that. On Tuesday, September 26, more than 45 Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) partners of God's Love We Deliver convened at our SoHo facility as we hosted our first Community Partners Expo with the theme "Food is Medicine."

The Expo was hosted by our Community Partners team along with Director of Nutrition Services Lisa Zullig and Senior Director of External Programs Dorella Walters. Events like these help to reinforce and strengthen the community relationships that have been the hallmark of our operations since our founding 32 years ago. Elaine Kiang, Manager of Strategic Partnerships, said of the event, "I am impressed by all the moving parts that came together in making the Expo a success. The Kitchen, Nutrition, Facilities, Volunteer, Special Events, and Client Services departments worked together to support our Community Partners. We are very pleased with results."

Elaine and Ralph Wilson, Program Outreach Coordinator, conceived the idea for an Expo last spring. Producing an "open house" required help from every department. "It was an exciting experience, from start to finish," Ralph said. "Creating an event that had no template, along with helping to get the word out to multitudes who had never utilized the services of God's Love before, was immensely satisfying."

With our Community Partners Program, God's Love receives reimbursement through contracts with MLTC plans, helping to create long-term sustainability for our clients. This also helps position God's Love as a nutrition leader providing health services to long-term care populations.

Of course, food is more than just medicine. Food is love. A highlight of the Expo came when our Director of Culinary Services, Daniel Metzger, shared samples of our meals with staff from agencies that refer their clients to us. It warms our hearts when healthcare providers are able to see—and taste—the love that goes into every meal at God's Love.

Thank you to everyone who attended. We truly appreciate working together to help bring good nutrition (and delicious meals) to everyone who needs them.

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