Policy Innovation

God's Love We Deliver cultivates policy solutions to ensure we are reaching those who need us most. Solutions include developing and publishing informative policy briefs and toolkits, advocating for access for our vulnerable clients and working with healthcare partners to identify and refer clients for our services. You can explore our innovation programs and projects below.

Recent Awards

NYS Department of Health Award

God's Love was chosen as a winner for the Social Determinants of Health Innovation Award in the Community-Based Organization category.
NYS Balancing Incentives Program Outstanding Project Award

The Balancing Incentives Program provides states with financial incentives to increase access to non-institutional long-term services and supports (LTSS) and our project received recognition by the New York State Department of Health. Through our project we were able to expand our service area to Nassau and Westchester Counties for our Community Partners Program and created a referral tool to help care managers identify those who are most at risk for malnutrition.

Publications & Policy Papers

The Food is Medicine Advocacy Toolkit

Using Advocacy to Expand Opportunities for Food and Nutrition Services in Public and Private Healthcare Systems
God's Love We Deliver partnered with the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation at Harvard Law School to publish The Food is Medicine Advocacy Toolkit. This toolkit is designed to support the efforts of food and nutrition services (FNS) agencies by providing practical guidance on how to identify and take advantage of existing opportunities to partner with health insurance systems to deliver medically tailored meals to patients who need them.

Health of HIV Infected People

Food, Nutrition and Lifestyle with Antiretroviral Drugs


This chapter focuses on The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Food and Nutrition Services Program as a Model for Comprehensive Food and Nutrition Services for severely or chronically ill people in the United States.
**FOOD IS MEDICINE**

We are dedicated to cooking and delivering the specific, nutritious meals a client’s severe illness and treatment so urgently require. Serving the greater New York City metropolitan area since 1985.

**Mission in Action**
- **1,800,000** Meals per year
- **7,000** Meals per day
- **10,000** Volunteers adding $2M in service
- **134%+** Growth in meals in 10 years

**People Served**
- **7,000 People**
  - **91%** are clients
  - **5%** are caregivers
  - **4%** are children

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### God’s Love We Deliver Policy Summary

**Our Priorities**

- **To provide** a complete, evidence-based, medical food and nutrition intervention to critically and chronically ill people in their communities
- **To advance public policy** that supports access to medically tailored food and nutrition services for people with severe and/or chronic illnesses
- **To promote research** on the efficacy of food and nutrition services on health outcomes and cost of care
- **To share best practices** in the provision of medically tailored meals and nutrition education and counseling

**FIMC Service**
- **56,000** clients served in FY18
- **Over 12 million** meals served in FY18

### Food is Medicine Coalition Policy Priorities

**Food is Medicine Coalition (FIMC)**

We are an association of nonprofit medically tailored food and nutrition service providers across the country that serve thousands of severely and chronically ill individuals.

**Primary Diagnosis**

- **29%**: HIV/AIDS
- **15%**: Cancer
- **6%**: CVD
- **6%**: Diabetes
- **4%**: COPD
- **4%**: Kidney Disease
- **36%**: Other