Thanksgiving at God’s Love

Thanksgiving 2020 Photo by Rommel Demano COVID-19

Thanksgiving is a very special time at God’s Love for our volunteers, staff, and clients, and we want YOU to be involved! Join us in the kitchen in November for additional food prep shifts, decorate holiday bags from home, or deliver meals on Thanksgiving with friends and family. Volunteers will pick up meals from distribution centers located in each borough of NYC and deliver them directly to clients’ homes. Every hour you spend helps us make the holiday a cheerful and memorable time for our clients.

Volunteer positions for Thanksgiving 2022 include:

- Driver – volunteers will use their own vehicles to deliver meals to 6-8 households, all in proximity to each other.
- On-Site Assistant

In addition to delivering holiday meals, volunteers will deliver a special Thanksgiving bag filled with holiday treats.

Read the blog post about our 2021 Thanksgiving here. Looking for another way to support God’s Love? Sponsor a holiday meal for just $10 here!

Sign up to Volunteer

Watch our 2021 Thanksgiving Celebration Here
FAQs: Holidays & Special Projects

What are your COVID protocols?

- All individuals must remain masked when inside a distribution center and when delivering to our clients.
- All individuals must be fully vaccinated to enter a distribution center or deliver to our clients. Fully vaccinated means two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the J&J vaccine. All participants should bring proof of vaccination (e.g., vaccination card, Excelsior Pass, Clear Pass).
- We will perform contactless delivery to all of our again clients this year.
- Please do not volunteer on Thanksgiving if
  - In the preceding 10 days, you or a member of your household have tested positive for COVID-19
  - In the preceding 48 hours, you or a member of your household have exhibited COVID-19 symptoms (fever or chills, cough, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) in the 48 hours preceding Thanksgiving.

Can I volunteer with my family?

Families are welcome to deliver together, but this year 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 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!)
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?

- **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 University; 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439
- **Jersey City, NJ**: 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 volunteer@glwd.org to get started.

What if I need to cancel my Thanksgiving volunteer 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.

**Do you have volunteer opportunities at other times of the year?**

Yes! We have volunteer opportunities year-round! View all of our opportunities [here.](#)

**What volunteer opportunities do you have for Thanksgiving?**

We have many volunteer opportunities including delivering meals, meal prep, and more. Learn more about our opportunities [here.](#)

**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?**

Please email us at volunteer@glwd.org.
On Thanksgiving, more than 1,000 volunteers help us home-deliver thousands of delicious Thanksgiving meals to our clients, their children, their senior caregivers, and their guests. See how it works and save the date for next year!
On Thanksgiving 2018 we worked with 1,300 volunteers to cook and deliver 6,500 delicious Thanksgiving meals to our clients, their children, their senior caregivers, and their guests. Our biggest thanks to our community who came together to make this happen!
Thanksgiving 2017

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Thanksgiving 2017 was our biggest Thanksgiving ever, and one we won't soon forget. Over 1,000 volunteers helped us cook and home-deliver 5,500 beautiful Thanksgiving meals to over 3,000 households. We are grateful for their big hearts and helping hands. Thank you to everyone who made last year's holiday such a big, wonderful, and festive success!

Thanksgiving 2014 -- in Brooklyn!

Thanksgiving is a very special time at God's Love We Deliver. We work with over 1,000 volunteers to help us cook and delivery nearly 4,000 special holiday meals, complete with all the trimmings! This year we celebrated Thanksgiving in our temporary Brooklyn location. Meet our client, Sarah, and our volunteers Ivy and watch the holiday action!
1995 Christmas holiday meal delivery news coverage with God's Love We Deliver

Published on Dec 25, 1995

Check out our coverage on Christmas day 1995 on Channel 2, WPIX 11, and Fox 5.

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- Thanksgiving 2020

- How To: Thanksgiving Deliveries
Crafting with Love during the Holidays

Decorate Thanksgiving Bags or Holiday Cards

We believe the personal touches we add make our meals extra special. This includes a decorated bag used to deliver a Thanksgiving meal and a holiday card during December. Email us at volunteer@glwd.org to get involved.
Over a Decade of Deliveries – Celebrating Volunteer Katherine Lowe

Bidding farewell to longtime volunteer Katherine as she moves to Spain!
Welcoming New Volunteer Leadership: Alex Bussenger, William Li, Gabrielle McGee, and Cindy Secunda

Each member brings a unique set of skills they will call upon to provide critical support for God's Love.

NYC Pride March 2023

OUT @ L’Oréal, Lea Delaria, Victoria Brito, Michelle Buteau, Amanda Freitag, Miss Universe R’Bonney Gabriel, and Leah Juliett help God's Love celebrate Pride in NYC!

Need More Information?

View our FAQs and other helpful information on our Volunteers FAQs page.

Or feel free to contact our Volunteer Office via email at volunteer@glwd.org or telephone at 212.294.8158.