

Thanksgiving at God's Love



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 2023 include:

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

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

Looking for another way to support God's Love? Sponsor a holiday meal for just \$10 here!

[Sign up to Volunteer](#)

Watch our 2022 Thanksgiving Celebration Here

FAQs: Holidays & Special Projects

Can I volunteer with my family?



Families are welcome to deliver together! We encourage people to bring along at least one adult “co-pilot” to assist in delivering meals.

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 15,000 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 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 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?



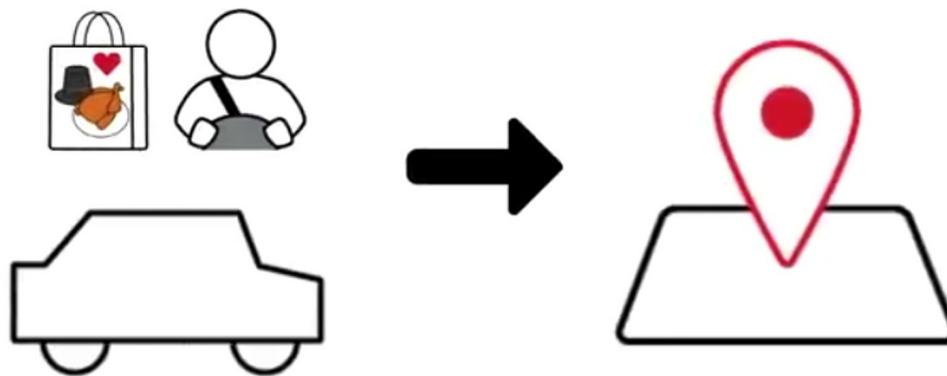
We are closed on Christmas Day and do not have any volunteer opportunities available.

What if I need more information?



Please email us at volunteer@glwd.org.

[Sign up to Deliver](#)

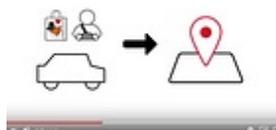


How To: Thanksgiving Deliveries

Published on Jan 24, 2019

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!

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- **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.

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](tel:212.294.8158).

From the Blog: Volunteer



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Giving – but also Getting Back For More than 30 years

Over the years, Mark has brought more than 30 volunteers to GLWD, including his husband, friends and coworkers. As much as Mark feels his work for the organization is about giving, he also believes he gets much back.



2.6.24 / Volunteer

Volunteer Andy Marber: Friendships keep him coming back – even

from California

Andy holds us close to his heart, even when his travels take him far. We thank Andy for his more than 20 years of volunteerism!



1.17.24 / Volunteer

Volunteers Barbara and Lily: Age is Just a Number and their Hearts Have no Limit!

Age is just a number for volunteers Barbara and Lily, who bring their family spirit across the years from home to our kitchen!