

City of OAKLAND California

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City of Oakland Hosts 31st Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

3,100 Meals Will Be Provided to Oakland Residents

Oakland, CA – On **Tuesday, November 22**, the 31st Annual Community Day of Thanks dinner will be hosted by the City of Oakland's Human Services Department in coordination with Jewed Legacy Group.

The Community Day of Thanks Dinner, in its 31st year, is part of the City's Hunger Program founded in 1985 during Mayor Lionel J. Wilson's administration. With the support of donors and volunteers, the City serves thousands of low-income families, seniors, and persons experiencing homelessness with a hearty Thanksgiving.

In line with last year's event, to ensure the health and safety of all participants, Covid protocols will continue to be in place. Meals will be delivered directly to Emergency Food Providers Advisory Committee (EFPAC) and other distribution sites. A limited number of meals will be available for pick up at the Marriott in Downtown Oakland. Blaisdell's Business Products has generously donated staff time and trucks to deliver meals to the distribution sites.

- Date: Tuesday, November 22
- **Time:** 11:00 am, 1:00 pm
- **Volunteers** The Marriott will be the staging location for meal preparation and distribution, with volunteers handing out food on site and delivering to food pantries sites throughout the City.

It is with ongoing community support and generous sponsorships that this event has reached its 31st year. We are grateful to our 2022 sponsors:

- Kaiser Permanente
- Golden State Warriors
- Oakland Athletics
- Blaisdell's Business Products
- Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership
- Emergency Food Providers Advisory Committee
- City of Oakland Human Services Department
- Jeweld Legacy Group
- Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.
- VillageGIVE
- Gesunda Royal-Shipp/ It's A Royal Affair
- Oakland Marriott City Center

Photo Opportunities:

• *Oakland Marriott City Center*, 1001 Broadway, Downtown Oakland 11 am – 1 pm

"We are grateful to the continuous support of the many volunteers and donors who generously donate their time and resources to this wonderful event", said **Estelle Clemons**, Interim Director of Human Services. "The pandemic created enormous isolation and food insecurity. This day brings us together – safely – to share a holiday meal and remind ourselves of the power and joy of coming together as a community."

If you are interested in supporting this event, a donation of \$26 will provide a meal for one guest and \$104 for a family of four. Donations are tax deductible. Please make your checks payable to the **City of Oakland Hunger Program**, and mail to:

City of Oakland Hunger Program, Attn: Blanca Leggett 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4340, Oakland, CA 94612

The City expresses its sincere thanks for the many years of support that has been given from sponsors, donors, volunteers and the community. This support has made this event a success year after year.

For more information about this event, please contact 510.986.2721.

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Serving seniors, low-income families and homeless residents at Marriott & EPAC food distribution sites:

DISTRICT 1

Downs Memorial United Methodist Church

6026 Idaho St. Oakland, CA 94608

Meal Distribution Time: 11:20 AM

DISTRICT 2

Zion Tabernacle Church of God in Christ 2147 East 15th St. Oakland, CA 94606

13th St. Church of Christ 1300 East 24th St. Oakland, CA 94606

Meal Distribution Time: 11AM

Meal Distribution Time: 11:15 AM

St. Anthony's Church
1535 16th Ave, Oakland, CA 94606
Meal Distribution Time: 11:30 AM

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

1338 Lakeshore Ave, Oakland, CA 94606

Distributing Lunches Around the Lake Merritt Lunch Route (Southwest End) Meal Distribution Time: 11 AM

DISTRICT 3

Prescott Joseph Center 1640 10th St. Oakland, CA 94607 Meal Distribution Time: 11 AM

Marriott Convention Center

1001 Broadway Oakland, ÇA 94607

Meal Distribution Time: 12PM

DISTRICT 4

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church 3535 38th Ave. Oakland, CA 94619 Meal Distribution Time: 11:20 AM

DISTRICT 5

Agnes Memorial Church of God in Christ & St. Elizabeth's Parish 1500 34th Ave. Oakland, CA 94601 Meal Distribution Time: 12 PM

DISTRICT 6

Wings of Love 7007 Mac Arthur Blvd. Oakland, CA 94605 Meal Distribution Time: 12 PM

Brookins AME Church
2201 73rd. Ave
Oakland, CA 94605
Meal Distribution Time: 11:20 AM

Project Outreach/East Oakland Food Pantry 1360 107th Ave. E Oakland, CA 94603 Meal Distribution Time: 12PM

DISTRICT 7

Arsola's Food Pantry and Community Services 7901 Oakport Street Oakland, CA 94621 Meal Distribution Time: 12:15 PM

Elmhurst Presbyterian Church 1332 98th Ave. Oakland, CA 94603

Meal Distribution Time: 11:30 AM