

Thanksgiving Assistance in Central Indiana

Thanksgiving Day is in honor of the brave European settlers who survived their first harsh winter in America in 1621 and celebrated their survival with a feast of thanksgiving. Although celebrated throughout America's history Thanksgiving Day was not declared an official holiday until 1941. Traditionally, Thanksgiving Day has been a time for family, friends and neighbors to celebrate, share a meal and give thanks together. Thanksgiving Day also serves as an opportunity for area churches and volunteer organizations to reach out to persons in need.

Individuals should utilize only one program as there are limited resources to serve many people in need.



Marion County

Hope Creations – 3312 English Ave, Indianapolis, IN

Thanksgiving Day 10am-1pm

Everyone welcome. This is a traditional sit down dinner. Reservations not required. No carry out and no delivery.

Lawrence UMC – 5200 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46226

Thanksgiving Day, dinner is from noon-3:30pm; delivery or carry out 11am-1pm.

Provides a traditional sit down dinner to anyone who would like to attend. The dinner will be held in the Community Room at the church. Everyone is welcome. Reservations to have a meal delivered carry out or to eat at church is due the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Call 317-546-1724.

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church – 3101 E. 30th St., Indianapolis, In 46218

Thanksgiving Day 11am-2pm. Provides a traditional sit down dinner to anyone who would like to attend. No reservations required and no one will be turned away. Is offering delivery service to elderly and other shut-ins based on the availability of volunteer drivers. Clients needing delivery should call 850-5377 and leave a message with address, phone and reason for needing delivery. Clients can call up to the time the meal starts.

Restoration International Church – 6360 W. 37th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46224

Thanksgiving Day from 10am-1pm.

A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Open to everyone. Reservations not required. No delivery and no carry out.

Hope International Ministries – 1205 E. New York St., Indianapolis, IN 46202

Provides a traditional sit down Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 10am-1pm. The dinner is open to everyone. No reservations for those attending the dinner. However, shut ins may have a meal delivered to them if they live in one of the following zip codes: 46201, 46202, 46203, 46204, 46225. **Shut ins should call 644-3044 for a delivery request.**

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Betty Sells Memorial Dinner – 609 E. 29th St., Indianapolis, IN 46208

at Broadway United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (317) 345-7386. Thurs. Nov. 26 11am-1pm. Delivery for homebound only, call by Nov. 23, 2009.

Mozel Sanders – 636-7985 or 506-8224

Interested persons may call either number up to Thanksgiving Day to make reservations for a Thanksgiving Dinner or to find a dinner site close to them. Open service area for the sit down dinner. No deliveries outside of Marion County. The caller should be willing to give their name, address and number of persons either needing a dinner delivered or who will be attending a dinner site. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

V Persons wanting to volunteer to work at Mozel Sanders annual Thanksgiving dinner may also call either number to be assigned a work location and time.

Volunteers are also needed from Nov. 9-27 to answer the phone, take dinner reservations and do data entry.

Wheeler Mission Ministries – 245 N. Delaware, Indianapolis IN 46201

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Help for Counties Surrounding Marion County

BOONE COUNTY

Caring Center - 620 Indianapolis, Lebanon, IN

Thanksgiving Dinner

Providing boxed dinners to take home for Thanksgiving. County residents may pick up a box on the following days: Mon., Nov. 23rd 9am-2pm; Tues. Nov. 24, 11am-5pm; Wed. Nov. 25 9am-2pm.

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HAMILTON COUNTY

White River Christian Church – Thanksgiving Dinner - (317) 773-5030

1685 N. 10th St, Noblesville, IN 46140

Provides a sit down dinner for Hamilton County residents on Thanksgiving Day 11am-2pm. The elderly and homebound may call to reserve a meal delivery.

V – Please email your desire to volunteer to hamiltoncountythanksgiving@davidchance.org

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Open Doors of Washington Township – Thanksgiving Baskets (317) 896-5094

118 Jersey St., Westfield, IN

Thanksgiving baskets to low income Washington Township, Hamilton County residents. Must have a picture ID, proof of address and last pay stub. Also accepting volunteers and donations.

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HANCOCK COUNTY

Feast of Plenty Thanksgiving Dinner – Traditional Dinner (317) 335-7590

Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds,
620 N Apple St. (Corner of Apple & Park Ave.)
Greenfield, 46140

Thanksgiving Day 11am-3pm

A collaboration of local churches providing a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner to any Hancock county resident who would like to attend. If transportation is needed for families who have no transportation they should call as soon as possible to make arrangements. If a shut-in would like a meal delivered they should also call as soon as possible. Please note that meals will ONLY be delivered to shut-ins not to those who are able-bodied.

V Volunteers are needed to cook, serve and clean up at the 4-H Fairgrounds, as well as set up and decorate tables. Volunteers are needed beginning at 7am the morning of the dinner. Drivers are needed to pick up attendees and to take them home.

Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen – 202 E. Main St., Greenfield, In 46140

Offering a traditional sit down Thanksgiving Dinner on the Friday after Thanksgiving starting at 1pm. All are welcome and no reservations are required.

V Also needing volunteers to help serve.

Fortville UMC – 125 Staat St., Fortville, 46040

Provides a traditional sit down Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day from noon-2pm. Walk in welcome. More information is available by calling 317-485-5418.

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HENDRICKS COUNTY

Plainfield Community Thanksgiving Dinner – 1500 S. Center St., Plainfield, IN
Thanksgiving Day 11am-2pm. Thanksgiving Dinner being offered at Hummel Park to anyone who would like to attend.

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SHELBY COUNTY

Salvation Army Shelby County

136 E. Washington St.
Shelbyville IN 46176

Provides a Thanksgiving dinner for Shelby County residents on the day before Thanksgiving from 11:30am-12:30pm. Usually serves 120-150 people. Open to everyone.

DV Needs volunteers and food donations of canned goods and boxed items.

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** If your church or organization is hosting a Thanksgiving program that should be on this page please contact LaJeana Haley, CRS, CIRS the Connect2Help™ Community Resources Coordinator at 317-735-7586 or email her at lhaley@connect2help.org. **

If you are SEEKING assistance please look through the above list or dial 2-1-1. This page is updated as new resources emerge and information changes.

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