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The Bowery Mission Hosts 142nd Thanksgiving Day Celebration, Overcoming Rising Food Costs to Serve Up 1,000+ Authentic Turkey Dinners

NEW YORK, November 19, 2021 – The Bowery Mission's 142nd Thanksgiving Celebration comes at a time when rising food prices and sluggish job recovery have combined to place a high burden on low-income New Yorkers.

Fortunately, The Bowery Mission has been preparing for weeks to ensure everyone can enjoy a homemade meal on Thanksgiving Day — not just those who can afford it. On Thursday, November 25, the Mission will serve up more than 1,000 Thanksgiving meals to people in need throughout New York City. Ovens will run 24/7 as hundreds of turkeys are roasted and carved in preparation for the event, which is one of New York City's longest running traditions. To get a glimpse of the preparations underway, watch our video on The Bowery Mission's YouTube channel.

"Thanksgiving has always been at the heart of The Bowery Mission. It's the pinnacle of the year, where we create a sense of home and hospitality for anyone who might otherwise spend the holiday alone," says James Winans, President & CEO of The Bowery Mission.

At the Mission's historic flagship campus (227 Bowery), hot meals will be served continuously from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests will enjoy hot coffee, homemade pies, and "to-go" turkey dinners with the option for socially distanced seating in a festive outdoor dining tent. Each guest will also receive a practical care kit with hygiene items and winter accessories.

On the day of the event, nearly 200 volunteers will come from all over the city to serve meals and create a warm and welcoming community celebration. Like last year, The Bowery Mission will continue to take precautions to make sure the event is safe, such as requiring all volunteers to wear masks and maintain social distancing protocols.

This year's celebration was made possible through generous donations from the Mission's individual supporters, corporate and community partners. The Bowery Mission gratefully recognizes the following corporate sponsors for their support: Chobani, AvalonBay Communities, Bloomberg Philanthropies, AppDynamics, Morgan Stanley, Pura Vida Investments, Sony Corporation of America, Bombas, Con Edison, SmartRise Health, RTW Charitable Foundation.

Last year, The Bowery Mission provided more than 255,000 meals, 54,000 nights of shelter, and 20,000 articles of clothing to neighbors in need. Each meal and every service is an invitation to Residential and Community Programs that help clients make progress toward a transformed life of faith, community, sobriety, sustainable income and independent living. To empower children to thrive and succeed, The Bowery Mission also offers year-round opportunities for enrichment through Mont Lawn City Camp, culminating in summer camp for hundreds of children in the Poconos Region of Pennsylvania. To learn more, visit **www.bowery.org**.

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