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Miami Valley Meals to Host 4th Turkey Takeaway Event to Brighten the Holidays for Families Experiencing Food Insecurity.

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DAYTON, Ohio: For a fourth consecutive year, Miami Valley Meals (MVM) will host a Turkey Takeaway event for those experiencing food insecurity across the Miami Valley. The event will be presented by sponsor and partner, The Feast of Giving, and will be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

The Feast of Giving is an annual Dayton Holiday tradition providing Thanksgiving fare and festive fellowship. This community affair has served over 7,000 guests yearly from 2009 and was most recently enjoyed in the Dayton Convention Center in 2019. The pandemic initially put the event on hold and MVM was happy to step in to support through meals. The Feast of Giving looks forward to their community event in the future but is happy to support MVM's efforts to ensure all have a meal to enjoy this holiday.

"The Feast of Giving is both excited and honored to support MVM for a third year in sharing a common goal of providing Thanksgiving meals to those who need them in our community," said Dr. Stephen Levitt, team member of the Feast of Giving. "These meals are prepared, provided and served with dignity."

Dr. Levitt goes on to say, "We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday, and we look forward to the return of the Feast of Giving in the future."

MVM has prepared and distributed over 690,000 meals since its inception in March 2020 with tremendous community and partner support. Over 25,000 of those meals were distributed during previous Turkey Takeaway events. MVM is prepared to continue this tradition of service with love and fellowship this holiday season.

Distributions will take place the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 22, from 9 am to 11 am at Trotwood-Madison High School and the University of Dayton Arena. Guests are to stay in their vehicles, follow signage for the drive-through, and meals will be placed in their vehicles. MVM's Turkey Takeaway meals will include traditional Thanksgiving fare with dessert provided by Dayton Cooks. Meals are free of charge and this is a first come, first served event.

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Smaller satellite locations will take place at two sites (announced later this month) in West Dayton led by longtime partner, the Dayton Young Black Professionals, as well as a new site, Have a Gay Day on Needmore Road. Thanksgiving meals will also be distributed in Greene County by the Fairborn Phoenix Foundation. More information is forthcoming.

“Through intentional, thoughtful collaboration - we can work together to elevate our respective resources for the greater good and uplift our community,” said MVM Executive Director, Amanda DeLotelle.

“We hope our meals make the holidays a bit easier and brighter for our neighbors who may not know where their next meal is coming from.”

Volunteer opportunities will be announced later this month on MVM’s website (miamivalleymeals.org) and its social media channels (@MiamiValleyMeals on Facebook and Instagram). If you’d like to support MVM’s work through a donation, please go to: <https://miamivalleymeals.org/donate>. Additional updates and details will be posted through these media.

Any media requests regarding the event should be sent to Executive Director, Amanda DeLotelle, at amanda@miamivalleymeals.org. Interview requests for the Feast of Giving may be directed to Dr. Stephen Levitt at 937-367-6406

The Feast of Giving Fund is a component fund of The Dayton Foundation.

About Miami Valley Meals

Miami Valley Meals is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and essential collaborator in the fight for a more food secure future. Their team of professional chefs recover and transform donated food into hearty meals for free distribution through a network of partner nonprofits serving those experiencing food insecurity. By “Serving those who serve the hungry,” they free up vital resources of their partners and open doors to further outreach and wrap-around services. Miami Valley Meals believes everyone deserves a good meal made with love.

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