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Dear Henderson County Church and Business Leaders,

For more than forty-two years, the Bounty of Bethlehem Christmas Dinner Event has been a gift of love and fellowship for our community. What began as a simple meal has grown into a cherished tradition that feeds thousands of people each year, offering not only nourishment but also a sense of belonging, hope, and joy.

Hello, I am **Dr. Chris Wilson**, the newly appointed volunteer Executive Director of Bounty of Bethlehem. I follow in the faithful leadership of **Annamarie Jakubilski**, who has guided this event since 2020, and I look forward to continuing to partner with our Henderson County churches and businesses further to strengthen this important holiday tradition for the community.

As many of you know, the Bounty of Bethlehem is a nonprofit organization that provides a freshly prepared, traditional sit-down Christmas Day meal, along with a robust pickup meal service and deliveries to first responders working the holiday and to homebound individuals through our partnership with Meals on Wheels.

This year, we are asking not only for your support in December, but also for our churches to prayerfully consider including Bounty of Bethlehem in annual outreach budgets with a gift of **\$500**. This ongoing support will help build critical reserves for the event, ensuring that rising food costs do not hamper our ability to sustain this beloved "no questions asked" community tradition of fellowship and generosity.

To our local business community, we understand that many of you continue to face challenges in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, and we recognize that your capacity to give may be affected. Please know that any contribution—whether financial, through staff volunteer hours, or donations of desserts, turkeys, etc.— is deeply appreciated and makes a tangible difference.

The Bounty of Bethlehem Christmas Dinner is made possible entirely through the generosity of volunteers and donors. Every contribution helps bring our community together



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in fellowship, ensuring that each person touched by this mission feels seen, cared for, and connected through the spirit of the season.

This year's dinner will be held on **Wednesday**, **December 25**, **2025**, **from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Salvation Army**, **239 3rd Avenue East in Hendersonville. It is free of charge and open to everyone**.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership in carrying forward this tradition of love and hospitality. Together, we can continue to shine the light of true fellowship throughout our community.

With gratitude,

Chris

Dr. Chris WilsonVolunteer Executive Director

Bounty of Bethlehem

P.S. - For the second consecutive year, we have partnered with the Community Foundation of Henderson County (CFHC) to accept contributions in a special fund established for Bounty of Bethlehem. Contributions are tax-deductible and can be mailed by check or made online at BountyofBethlehem.org

INFO: Phone: 704-450-0067 | Email: BountyofBethlehemDirector@gmail.com PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BOUNTY OF BETHLEHEM FUND

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YES! I would like to partner with Bounty of Bethlehem to support the Annual Community Christmas Day Dinner. My check is enclosed for:

\$50	\$100	\$250	\$500	\$Other
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