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Bounty of Bethlehem's 43rd Christmas Day Community Dinner Reflected the Heart of Henderson County

Hendersonville, NC [Jan 5, 2026] — For the 43rd year, Bounty of Bethlehem brought Henderson County together around a shared table on Christmas Day. Focused on community fellowship, event organizers prepared and shared 1,116 meals in a whirlwind span of five hours.

Hosted at The Salvation Army on East 3rd Avenue, the event's impact was made possible by about 400 volunteers who contributed over 1,000 hours in the days and weeks leading up to Christmas. These volunteers supported every aspect of the effort, from food preparation and packaging to serving meals and coordinating deliveries.

“Because of our volunteers, every guest was welcomed with care and hospitality,” said Chris Wilson, Director of Bounty of Bethlehem. “Whether people joined us in person, picked up meals to take home, or received deliveries, the goal was the same: to make sure everyone had a place at the table. We also continued our tradition of providing meals to civil servants working on Christmas.”

For many, the dinner represents more than a meal. It is an expression of community, generosity, and shared purpose.

“This event continues to reflect the heart of Henderson County,” Wilson added. “Seeing so many people give their time, resources, and energy reminds us how powerful it is when a community comes together with intention and goodwill.”

About Bounty of Bethlehem

The Bounty of Bethlehem Community Christmas Dinner is a longstanding Henderson County tradition rooted in fellowship, service, and hospitality. Founded on the belief that community connection matters deeply during the Christmas season, the event provides freshly prepared meals, volunteer opportunities, and meal deliveries to homebound individuals and on-duty civil servants. Powered entirely by volunteers and supported through donations from churches, businesses, individuals, and local grants, Bounty of Bethlehem continues to rely on broad community support to make this annual event possible. Learn more at BountyofBethlehem.org.