



Media Contact: Chris Wilson 704.450.0067 | BountyofBethlehemDirector@gmail.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[Supporting Images](#)

Bounty of Bethlehem Returns for 44th Annual Community Christmas Day Dinner

Planning underway as Henderson County churches, businesses, and volunteers prepare to once again bring the community together on Christmas Day

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. — [Sept. 21, 2026: Planning is underway for the 44th Annual Bounty of Bethlehem Community Christmas Dinner, continuing a Henderson County tradition that brings people together each Christmas Day for a freshly prepared holiday meal, fellowship, and the simple joy of sharing the day with others.

This year's dinner will be on Friday, Dec. 25, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at The Salvation Army, 239 E. 3rd Avenue in Hendersonville. The event is open to everyone, with no reservations or qualifications required. Guests may enjoy their meal in the holiday-decorated dining hall or take meals home.

"Bounty of Bethlehem has always been about much more than serving a Christmas dinner," said Chris Wilson, Director of Bounty of Bethlehem. "It's about creating a place where everyone is welcome and where people from throughout Henderson County come together, some to serve, some to share a meal, and many to do both. That sense of fellowship is what has sustained this tradition for more than four decades."

Last Christmas, approximately 400 volunteers contributed more than 1,000 hours preparing, packaging, serving, and delivering 1,116 meals. Once again this year, churches, businesses, civic organizations and individuals throughout Henderson County will play an essential role in making the dinner possible.

In addition to dine-in and pickup meals, Bounty of Bethlehem will continue its partnership with Meals on Wheels to provide Christmas dinner to registered homebound neighbors. Meals will also be provided to civil servants and first responders working on Christmas Day, while



healthcare workers spending the holiday on the job are invited to stop by during their break for a hot meal and a few minutes of Christmas fellowship.

Volunteer opportunities will include a wide range of roles in the days leading up to Christmas and on Christmas Day itself, with flexible time commitments for individuals, families and groups. The online volunteer sign-up portal will open the week of Thanksgiving, with opportunities to give an hour, a day, or return for multiple shifts.

Bounty of Bethlehem is powered entirely by volunteers and supported by the generosity of local churches, businesses, organizations and individuals. Financial contributions help purchase the food and supplies needed to make the Christmas Day gathering possible.

More information about the 2026 dinner, volunteering, and ways to support Bounty of Bethlehem is available at BountyofBethlehem.org.

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 relies on broad community support to make this annual Christmas Day tradition possible.