

# JOSEPH DREAMHOUSE CDC



NEWSLETTER

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## STATS AT A GLANCE

22,884 INDIVIDUALS  
FED IN NOVEMBER

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242,045 INDIVIDUALS  
FED SO FAR THIS YEAR

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1,394,997 POUNDS OF  
FOOD DISTRIBUTED SO  
FAR THIS YEAR

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The pandemic may have changed the way that we celebrate these past few years, but it cannot put a permanent damper on holiday cheer of those committed to feeding struggling neighbors and friends at Christmas time! Joseph Dreamhouse CDC is working particularly hard this season to make sure that our ever-increasing client base gets the food that they need for Christmas and New Years. In 2021, we served more families than ever before, with our annual total increasing 70.3% since the same date the year prior. This just goes to show the ever-growing community need as social welfare programs that were bolstered at the beginning of the pandemic begin to wind down. This Christmas, however, we are simply thankful that we can help provide families a holiday meal to help spread some much needed cheer!



### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

This Christmas season, I'd like to give a special shout-out and heartfelt thanks to Dan Golka, the social media influencer from Youtube's iAllegedly for all of his support!

Thank you to all of our donors for their continued contributions!

As always, thanks to our generous in-kind donors: Whole Foods, Target, Fresh Market, Walmart, Publix, Winn-Dixie, and Trader Joe's.

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

You can follow us on Twitter, on Facebook, and Instagram. Make sure to keep up with the latest issues that we are passionate about on our blog! New posts are added every weekday.



## 'TIS THE SEASON

With the Christmas holiday fast approaching, it is easy to be caught up in the hustle, bustle, and stress of it all. Last-minute presents to buy, grocery shopping to do, cookies and candy to make, and the ever-present crowds as you try to fit it all in; not to mention a stretched-to-the-limit budget.

All the stores and TV commercials try hard to tell you what you need to buy – that you *need* all this *stuff* – to make it a good holiday and show your love; it is easy to lose sight of the meaning of Christmas and what it really is all about.

Given the actual origins of Christmas and tradition of gift-giving for this holiday, Christmas has come to be known for most as a time to remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus and live within his teachings and principles. It is a

time of celebration of our God-given family, relationships, and many, many blessings.

Moreover, while we celebrate the season with the giving of gifts, we need to remember that giving is not just about packages and presents. It is about giving with your heart, your time, and your love. Remember there are those who continue to struggle in our community, whether they lack the money to provide a nice meal and gifts for their family, or they do not have anyone at all to share the holiday with.

An uplifting word, a genuine smile, asking about someone's day, a small random act of kindness are all things each of us can do in the spirit of the Christmas season whether giving these "gifts" to family, friends, or strangers.





# A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

Dear JDH Staff,

As another year comes to an end, it's time to look back and reflect on the past 12 months. Thank you for all your hard work, commitment, and invaluable contributions to Joseph Dreamhouse CDC, integral to our progress and success.

This year, we have made impressive progress in our distribution goals, constantly and rapidly evolving against the backdrop of the needs of the individuals we serve and have served throughout this pandemic. Despite all the challenges, our team upheld

their focus and did not let our clients down.

There is still plenty of work lined up for the next year, and I am sure that we will keep up with our excellence. Thank you once again for your commitment and invaluable contributions toward helping Joseph Dreamhouse CDC reach its full potential.

Lastly, I wish you all a very happy new year, filled with success, happiness, and good health.

Sincerely,  
Chef Fran Glover

## HOW TO HELP:

You can support Joseph Dreamhouse CDC by utilizing Amazon Smile or purchasing a gift for the young one in your life or some home supplies for yourself through our eBay Store. Donations through PayPal via our website or through our GoFundMe are always a blessing, too, of course! We need all the help we can get to feed families in need!

Just a reminder: Joseph Dreamhouse CDC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, so all donations are tax deductible!