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## Thanksgiving Assistance in Central Indiana

Thanksgiving Day is in honor of the brave European settlers who survived their first harsh winter in America in 1621 and celebrated their survival with a feast of thanksgiving. Although celebrated throughout America's history Thanksgiving Day was not declared an official holiday until 1941. Traditionally, Thanksgiving Day has been a time for family, friends and neighbors to celebrate, share a meal and give thanks together. Thanksgiving Day also serves as an opportunity for area churches and volunteer organizations to reach out to persons in need.

Individuals should utilize only one program as there are limited resources to serve many people in need.

**Notes:** D means Needs Donations and V means Needs Volunteers

### Marion County

**Flanner House** - 2424 Dr. MLK St., Indianapolis, IN 46208, 925-4231

Thanksgiving vouchers are available on a first come/first served basis, while supplies last. Service boundaries are: N-White River and 38th St.; S-Washington St.; E-I-65/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St./Capitol Ave.; W-White River

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Assistance**

Locations vary, Indianapolis 46202 – 687-0169

Links persons in need with area parishes that provide Thanksgiving baskets. Only serves clients who live near a participating church. Those interested in donating or volunteering should call 687-1006.

**Mozel Sanders** – 317-636-4964 or 317-636-7985

Interested persons may call either number from Nov. 6th to 21st to make reservations for a Thanksgiving Dinner or to find a dinner site close to them. Open service area for the sit down dinner. No deliveries outside of Marion County. The caller should be willing to give their name, address and number of persons either needing a dinner delivered or who will be attending a dinner site. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

**V** Persons wanting to volunteer to work at Mozel Sanders annual Thanksgiving dinner may also call either number to be assigned a work location and time.

Volunteers are also needed from Nov. 6-22 to answer the phone, take dinner reservations and do data entry.

**Wheeler Mission Ministries** – 245 N. Delaware, Indianapolis IN 46201

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#### **Christamore House Thanksgiving Assistance**

502 N. Tremont Ave. , Indianapolis 46222 – 635-7211

By appointment only. Provides Thanksgiving basket VOUCHERS to families who live in their boundary area. Clients must bring a phone number where they can be reached, proof of address (no rent

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receipts), photo ID, proof of income for the past 60 days, social security cards for the entire family, birthdates for entire family. Service area boundaries are north to 38<sup>th</sup> St., west and south to Georgetown Rd to Olin Ave. to Hold Rd. to Cres5on Dr. to Tibbs Ave. to Michigan St, east to White River.

### **Hawthorne Community Center Thanksgiving Assistance**

70 N. Mount St., Indianapolis, 46222 – 637-4312

Tues. and Thurs. 8am-noon. Provides Thanksgiving basket applications. Applications will be taken until they run out. Must show picture ID, social security cards of all household members and check stubs. Clients MUST live within boundary area. Boundary are is north to 38<sup>th</sup> St., south to Thompson Rd, east to Hold Rd to 10<sup>th</sup> and Georgetown, west to County Line Rd.

## **Help for Counties Surrounding Marion County**

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### **HANCOCK COUNTY**

**Feast of Plenty Thanksgiving Dinner – Traditional Dinner (317) 467-9052**

Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds,  
700 Apple St. (Corner of Apple & Park Ave.)  
Greenfield, 46140

A collaboration of local churches providing a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner to any Hancock county resident who would like to attend. Dinner will be on Nov. 22, 2007 from 11am-4pm. If transportation is needed for families who have no transportation they should call as soon as possible to make arrangements. If a shut-in would like a meal delivered they should also call as soon as possible. Please note that meals will ONLY be delivered to shut-ins not to those who are able-bodied. **V** Volunteers are needed to cook, serve and clean up at the 4-H Fairgrounds, as well as set up and decorate tables. Volunteers are needed beginning at 7am the morning of the dinner. Drivers are needed to pick up attendees and to take them home.

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## HENDRICKS COUNTY

**Hendricks Community Bible Church – HENDRICKS COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY (317) 718-0760**  
**Dinner: starts at 12:15pm; Deliveries for shut-ins start at 11:30am on Nov. 27, 2008**

Held at

1201 Sycamore Lane

Danville, IN 46122 (Hendricks Co. Senior Services Center)

Offering a Thanksgiving Day dinner to anyone who is in need of a meal and/or will be alone and would like some company. Dinner can be delivered to the person's home or they may attend the community dinner at the senior center. Dinner will start at 11:30am on Thanksgiving Day. Call to reserve a dinner as soon as possible and specify if you will be attending, need a ride to the center or would like a meal delivered to your home. State any dietary restrictions and give the number of dinners needed.

**V** If you would like to volunteer your time call 765-676-9760

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## SHELBY COUNTY

**Salvation Army Shelby County**

136 E. Washington St.

Shelbyville IN 46176

Provides a Thanksgiving dinner for Shelby County residents on the day before Thanksgiving from 11:30am-12:30pm. Usually serves 120-150 people. Open to everyone.

**DV** Needs volunteers and food donations of canned goods and boxed items.

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If your church or organization is running a Thanksgiving program that should be on this page please contact LaJeana Haley, CRS, CIRS the Connect2Help™ Community Resources Coordinator at 920-4850 ext. 225 or email her at lhaley@connect2help.org.

**If you are SEEKING assistance please look through the above list or dial 2-1-1.**

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