

Media Advisory

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A Ton of Turkey

Thanksgiving Celebrations at St. Vincent de Paul Dining Rooms

Who: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

What: Roast turkey with all the traditional side dishes, will be served on Thanksgiving Day to the homeless and hungry guests at the five St. Vincent de Paul dining rooms in the Valley. We expect to feed about 5000 people a Thanksgiving Dinner. Meal preparations are already underway in our kitchen on the main campus at 420 W. Watkins Road. In fact, we are literally cooking a ton of turkey for Thanksgiving! Beginning at 5:30 am Thanksgiving morning, our kitchen will be busy finishing dinner preparations and making the mashed potatoes and gravy.

When: **Thursday, November 23**

Where: **Henry Unger Memorial Dining Room** (on the Human Services Campus)
1075 W. Jackson Avenue, Phoenix
11:00 am – 12:45 pm

Family Evening Meal

Dan O'Meara Center
420 W. Watkins Road
5 – 6 pm

Wayne Unruh Memorial Dining Room

67 W. Broadway Rd., Mesa
9:30 – 11:30 am

Santa Teresita Catholic Church

14016 N. Verbana St., El Mirage
10 am – Noon

Chris Becker Memorial Dining Room

9227 N. 10th Ave., Sunnyslope
5 – 6 pm

Why: This year will mark our 54th year of serving Thanksgiving dinner to the poor, hungry and homeless in Phoenix. St. Vincent de Paul has been serving meals to the poor every single day since opening their first dining room on November 20, 1952. On a normal day, we prepared about 3500 meals.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization, dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve. Programs include services for the homeless, the incarcerated and their families, medical/dental care for the working poor, five charity dining rooms, thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need.