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FEEDING SAN DIEGO PROVIDES THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR FAMILIES ACROSS SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 25

1,400 special holiday meals available to those in need

SAN DIEGO (November 23, 2020) — Just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, Feeding San Diego is proud to distribute Thanksgiving meals at five of its distribution sites in partnership with its vendor Top Notch Catering and Chef Ricky Fierro.

Over 1,400 Thanksgiving meal kits will be provided for free to those in need, focusing on the children and their families that pick up from the organization’s Summer Food Service Program sites, which have been extended through the end of the year. Since the pandemic began, Feeding San Diego has seen an estimated 50 percent increase in need, and increased its services to help meet the need of children, families, seniors, veterans, military families, and all those experiencing hunger across San Diego County.

“This year has been challenging for so many. Hopefully these Thanksgiving meal kits will help make the holidays a little easier,” said Feeding San Diego Director of Programs, Dana Henderson. “We are incredibly thankful to our partner Top Notch Catering and Chef Ricky Fierro who are helping to give hope and share joy with families in critical need this year.”

“The impact Top Notch has been able to make within the County of San Diego during the pandemic has been overwhelmingly humbling for our whole team,” said Top Notch Catering’s Chief Operating Officer Lynley Connor. “When I started talking to Chef Ricky about my idea for Thanksgiving kits to our families that would have actual meals already cooked, he was on board immediately. He has volunteered his time and talent in the humblest way possible to only serve our families.”

The kits that will be distributed on November 25 are family-style and include turkey, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, cranberry sauce and dinner rolls. Below is the list of participating sites:

Table with 4 columns: Site, Date, Number of Kits, Drive-Through/Pick Up Start Time. Rows include La Maestra Community Health Centers, Casa de Salud, Armed Services YMCA, Pro Kids City Heights, and Ocean Discovery Institute.

If media are interested in attending one of these food distributions on November 25, please contact aglader@feedingsandiego.org.

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ABOUT FEEDING SAN DIEGO

[Feeding San Diego](https://www.feedingsandiego.org) is a non-profit organization on a mission to connect every person facing hunger with nutritious meals by maximizing food rescue. Established in 2007, Feeding San Diego is the leading hunger-relief and food rescue organization in San Diego County and the only Feeding America affiliate in the region. Feeding San Diego provides more than 31.2 million meals every year to children, families, seniors, college students, military families, and veterans in partnership with a network of 320 local charities, schools, faith communities, meal sites, and food pantries. More than 92 percent of the food provided to the community is rescued. By diverting more than 27 million pounds of food from the landfill every year, Feeding San Diego is reducing greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 25,000 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent, which is comparable to taking 5,300 cars off the road for a year. To learn more about Feeding San Diego and its COVID-19 response, visit [feedingsandiego.org](https://www.feedingsandiego.org).