

## Bloomberg Announces Thanksgiving Meals For Sandy Victims

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Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced today an effort to provide Thanksgiving dinners to those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

As we continue to recover and rebuild from the devastating impact of Hurricane Sandy, our City will do everything we can to bring some of the comforts and traditions of Thanksgiving to families in our hardest hit communities," said Bloomberg in a statement. "We are grateful for the many generous community and corporate partners for their commitment to helping our City get back on its feet during this holiday season.

Here is a list of places and times people can get meals this week:

### NYC Food Distribution Sites

Through a partnership with the Red Cross and a contract the City entered into with Whitson's Culinary Group earlier this month, prepared lunches and hot meals have been available in the hardest hit sections of Queens and Brooklyn. The expansion to providing on-site prepared foods, including hot dinners, consolidated the massive food distribution effort that had been in operation in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. To date, the City, working with FEMA, has distributed more than 2.7 million meals and close to 700,000 bottles of water to those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

Over 17,500 Thanksgiving meals prepared by Whitson's will be distributed at the following sites from 11 AM – 3 PM on Thursday:

Brooklyn

MCU Park (Coney Island) (Parking Lot): 1904 Surf Avenue (@ West 19th Street)  
Fine Fare Supermarket (Coney Island) (Parking Lot): 2901 Mermaid Avenue (@W29th)  
Searise Houses (Coney Island) (Courtyard): Neptune Avenue and 37th Streets

#### Queens (Rockaways):

Waldbaum™s (Parking Lot): 112-15 Beach Channel Drive (@ Beach 112 Street)  
Thriftway Mall (Parking Lot): 20-52 Mott Street (btw. 20th & 21st Streets)  
Key Food (Parking Lot): 87-15 Rockaway Beach Blvd. (btw. Beach 87th & 88th Streets)

#### Additional Holiday Dinners

The Mayor™s Office is working with community organizations in impacted areas to host Thanksgiving dinners, with support from the Mayor™s Fund to Advance New York City at the following locations:

#### Wednesday Dinners

Brooklyn â€“ Miccio Community Center in Red Hook with a food donation from Fairway Market  
Staten Island â€“ The Vanderbilt at South Beach in partnership with Borough President James Molinaro and with support from the Stephen Siller Foundation and the Mannix Family of ShopRite

Staten Island â€“ The Excelsior Grand in partnership with Borough President James Molinaro and with support from the Stephen Siller Foundation and the Mannix Family of ShopRite

Staten Island â€“ The Grand Oaks Country Club in partnership with Borough President Molinaro and with support from the Stephen Siller Foundation and the Mannix Family of ShopRite

#### Thursday Dinners

Brooklyn â€“ El Caribe in Mill Basin on Thursday evening in partnership with Councilman Dominic Recchia. Transportation will be provided from the MCU parking lot in Coney Island.

Brooklyn â€“ Miccio Community Center in Red Hook with a food donation from Feeding NYC

Queens â€“ Beach 41st Street Community Center with a food donation from Fairway Market

Queens â€“ IS 53 in Far Rockaway in partnership with Councilman James Sanders

Queens â€“ St. Francis de Sales Parish in Belle Harbor with support from the Stiller Foundation

The City is also providing assistance and support for additional Thanksgiving dinners at the following locations:

#### Wednesday Evening

Queens â€“ Hammel Houses in Rockaway Beach

#### Thursday Evening

Queens â€“ St. Francis de Sales Parish in Belle Harbor

Queens â€“ St. Helen™s Church in Howard Beach

Queens â€“ Ocean Bay Community Center in Far Rockaway

Queens â€“ Redfern Community Center in Far Rockaway

Staten Island â€“ New Dorp High School

Staten Island â€“ Pepper Jack Grill for Evacuees at the Mt. Manresa shelter

### Staten Island â€“ Baily Seaton Hospital Shelter

Over 2,400 turkeys and over 3,000 Thanksgiving sides sponsored by the Mayorâ€™s Fund, Gristedes and Fresh Direct, were distributed to elected officials and religious and community organizations including the Alive Ministries, the Beth Abraham Nursing Home, the Calvary Baptist Church, the Coney Island Gospel Assembly, Congregation White Shul, the Cooper Square Committee, the Hamilton Madison House, the Miccio Community Center, and the Visitation Rectory. In addition, through a partnership with the Department of Homeless Services and the Department of Housing, Preservation and Development, the Red Cross is providing targeted food assistance to families that evacuated through the Cityâ€™s emergency shelter system and have been placed in hotels in every borough.

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