Goodman Community Center Thanksgiving Baskets
Frequently Asked Questions 2022

When is registration?
Monday, Oct. 17 – Friday, Oct. 28

How do I register?
- Online at goodmancenter.org/thanksgiving
- By phone: 608.204.8018, Monday-Friday, 12:30pm to 6pm, during registration dates.

Am I eligible to receive a basket?
Only residents of Dane County, Wisconsin, are eligible to receive baskets.

How do I get my basket?
After you register, you will receive a postcard in the mail. Postcards will arrive the week before basket pickup. You must bring this postcard with you to pick up your basket. Thanksgiving Basket pickup is located at the Goodman Community Center at 149 Waubesa Street in Madison. Bus lines close to GCC are 3, 5, 14, 15, 37 and 38.

Expect to wait for 15-30 minutes to receive your basket. Basket pick-up is a drive-thru system. The basket will be brought to your vehicle. If arriving on foot, please stay on sidewalks and go to the check-in station.

What is included in a Thanksgiving Basket?
A frozen turkey (10-12 pounds), stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, mac and cheese, broth, vegetable oil, dinner rolls, milk, butter, eggs, onions, potatoes, carrots and pumpkin pie. Items are subject to availability. There may be substitutions.

Do you have vegetarian or vegan options?
We do not have specific dietary baskets. The baskets should be diverse enough for everyone to find some food they can eat. If there are items you will not use, please share them with a neighbor or friend who might benefit from them.

What do I do if I don’t have my postcard?
If you did not receive your postcard and you signed up for a basket during open registration times, please bring a photo ID to pick up your basket. If you lose your postcard, please bring a photo ID to receive your basket. Please note this will make your pickup time longer.

Can I get my basket delivered?
The Goodman Community Center cannot deliver baskets, however anyone with your postcard can pick up your basket.

What if I cannot pick-up my basket during the time listed on my postcard?
It is very important that you come during your pick-up time. Times are listed to help make sure there are not long wait times to pick-up your basket. Anyone with your postcard can pick up your basket. If it is
impossible for you to pick-up during your listed time you can call the number on your card designated for pick-up time questions. Baskets are only given out during distribution times.

**Distribution Times**

- Saturday, Nov. 19 >> 9am-5pm
- Sunday, Nov. 20 >> 10am-5pm
- Monday, Nov. 21 >> 10am-5pm

I no longer need a basket and I’ve already signed up.
We understand that plans change. Any extra food will go be distributed through the Fritz Food Pantry at the Goodman Community Center. There is no need to contact the center.

I want to host a food drive.
Visit goodmancenter.org/get-involved/events/thanksgiving-baskets/ways-you-can-help for info to help make your food drive a success, including posters, shopping lists, tips and a form to register your food drive. Please contact Francesca Frisque at 608.204.8049 or francesca@goodmancenter.org with additional questions.

**What items are needed for donation?**
Items needed include frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, canned fruit, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, broth, mac & cheese and large aluminum roaster pans.

Financial gifts help purchase turkeys, eggs, milk, dinner rolls, butter and pies to include with each Thanksgiving Basket. Goodman is able to purchase food in bulk at discounted rates – making a dollar stretch further. It’s easy to give at goodmancenter.org. Mailed checks (214 Waubesa St., Madison, WI 53704) and in-person donations are also welcomed. Donations that exceed the need for Thanksgiving Baskets support the great work the Goodman Center does all year long.

**When and where do I drop off donations?**
Donations can be dropped off in the Goodman Community Center’s gym, during the following times:

- Monday - Tuesday, Nov. 14,15, 10am-3pm
- Wednesday - Friday, Nov. 16 – 18, 10am-7pm
- Saturday - Sunday, Nov. 19 – 20, 9am-5pm

**How can I volunteer?**
Please check this link for opportunities: volunteers.goodmancenter.org. Add yourself to the waitlist if the shift you want is full, and you’ll be notified automatically if there is an opening. For more information contact Susan Ramspacher, volunteer manager, at volunteer@goodmancenter.org or 608.204.8048.