Goodman Community Center Thanksgiving Baskets
Frequently Asked Questions 2019

When is registration?
Monday, October 21 – Friday, November 1, 2019

How do I register?
- Online at goodmancenter.org/thanksgiving
- In person at the Goodman Community Center (149 Waubesa Street in Madison)
- By phone: 608.204.8018, Monday-Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. during registration dates
- We will not be taking registration forms via fax

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 loaded into 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, dinner rolls, milk, butter, eggs, onions, potatoes, carrots, pumpkin pie and ice cream. 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. You are welcome to take out all of the items from the basket you plan to use. If there are items you will not use, please leave them behind so others can 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 be given out during distribution times.

Distribution Times

- Saturday, Nov. 23 >> 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 24 >> 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 25 >> 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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.
Please contact Sam McDaniel at 608.204.8049 or sam@goodmancenter.org. He will be able to provide you with printed materials and assistance to help make your food drive a success.

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 and in-person donations are also welcomed (149 Waubesa St. in Madison.) Donations that exceed the need for Thanksgiving Baskets support the GCC Fritz Food Pantry and food programs at the Center.

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

- Wednesday, Nov. 20 >> 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 21 >> 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 22 >> 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Saturday-Monday, Nov. 23 -25 >> 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

How can I volunteer?
Please check this link for opportunities: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4dada629a31-registration1 For more information contact Mai Lor Yang, Volunteer Manager 608.204.8056 or MaiLor@goodmancenter.org.