



## FeedMore WNY



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### **Buffalo City Mission Partners with FeedMore WNY for “Turkey Express” Thanksgiving Program**

*Volunteers will deliver more than 5,200 meals  
to the poor and homeless across Western New York*

**BUFFALO, NEW YORK (November 28, 2019)** — Today, the [Buffalo City Mission](#) launched its annual Turkey Express event to deliver hot meals to the poor and homeless across Western New York. This year, the Mission is partnering on the initiative with FeedMore WNY, the new nonprofit organization formed by the alliance of [Meals on Wheels for WNY](#) and the [Food Bank of WNY](#).

Starting early on Thanksgiving Day, more than 235 volunteers will convene FeedMore WNY commissary, load their vehicles with fresh, full turkey dinners, and deliver more than 5,200 meals to homes across Western New York – with destinations as far as Angola. Each vehicle will deliver to as many as eight families.

“The City Mission is proud to continue this tradition of delivering hot holiday meals to those the elderly, impoverished and shut-ins who are struggling,” said Stuart Harper, CEO and Executive Director of the Buffalo City Mission. “These deliveries are about more than just the meals. They represent volunteers and community organizations coming together to lift up the spirits of those in desperate times. Together with FeedMore WNY, we are helping to bring joy to our neighbors who need help the most.”

Turkey Express marks the culmination of the City Mission’s annual Turkey Drive, which targeted raising 2,000 turkeys while soliciting volunteers for the Thanksgiving Day deliveries. All requests were filled within the Drive’s first week.

“FeedMore WNY is proud to partner with the Buffalo City Mission to help others during this season of goodwill and fellowship,” said Tara A. Ellis, President and CEO of FeedMore WNY. “Our organization is committed to supporting our fellow neighbors through by providing food and friendship. Together with the City Mission, we are proud to do our part in making a difference to help those in need throughout our community.”

For the second straight year, the event location will be at FeedMore WNY (100 James E. Casey Drive, Buffalo, NY 14206) in order to accommodate for the City Mission’s construction of a new 75,000 square foot flagship Community Center. Scheduled to open in 2020, the Center will provide preventative services on the front end to decrease the percentage of homelessness year-over-year for those who are on the brink of homelessness. It will also deliver more



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complete care to individuals who already experience homelessness. Notable features will include space for social service agencies, case management, mental health services, medical care, job training, basic family services, legal services, food, clothing and more.

The building is part of the City Mission's vision moving into the next century to provide services that help prevent and decrease homelessness in the community. Today, approximately \$12.8 million of a target \$15 million has been committed or is in process – all through the City Mission's Next Century Capital Campaign.

The Next Century Capital Campaign now is \$2.2 million from its goal. To learn more about the campaign and how to donate, visit [nextcenturycampaign.org](http://nextcenturycampaign.org).

### **About the Buffalo City Mission**

The Buffalo City Mission, founded in 1917, is a nonprofit organization providing preventative, emergency, and transitional housing programs to thousands of people who are homeless and impoverished every year. The Mission includes a Women and Children's Shelter (Cornerstone Manor), the Men's Community Center, and the Dick Road thrift store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit [buffalocitymission.org](http://buffalocitymission.org) or call (716) 854-8181.

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### **About FeedMore WNY**

FeedMore WNY offers dignity, hope and a brighter future by providing nutritious food, friendship and skills training to its Western New York neighbors in need. Through its Food Bank Distribution Center and partner hunger-relief agencies, as well as its Meals on Wheels and other targeted feeding programs, FeedMore WNY alleviates hunger and assists community members of all ages throughout Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties. More information can be found at [www.feedmorewny.org](http://www.feedmorewny.org).

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