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Buffalo City Mission Kicks Off Contactless “Hambone Express” Christmas Meal Delivery Event

Volunteers will deliver more than 2,500 meals to the poor and homeless across Western New York



BUFFALO, NEW YORK (December 25, 2021) — Today, the [Buffalo City Mission](https://buffalocitymission.org) launched its annual Hambone Express event to deliver hot meals to the poor and homeless across Western New York.

Starting early on Christmas Day, volunteers helped the Mission deliver festive ham dinners with all the fixings to Buffalo’s elderly, shut-ins, and impoverished neighbors in need – loading their vehicles and bringing more than 2,500 meals to homes throughout the region.

This year’s program continues the use of proactive measures to help protect the health and safety of all volunteers and recipients:

- Dinners in sealable bags for contactless pickup and delivery
- Training instructions for all volunteers, detailing protective mask requirements and guidance for all pickup and drop-off deliveries
- Sanitizing products for all volunteers



“The Hambone Express is an important event where we have the opportunity to make a difference,” said Aubrey Calhoun, Associate Executive Director of the Buffalo City Mission. “In the season of giving, The Mission is proud to give back to our neighbors in need. We are grateful to all of the volunteers who helped deliver hot meals across the community this holiday.”

Hambone Express marks the latest in the City Mission’s engagement during the holiday season, which follows November’s “Turkey Express Contactless Event,” which delivered more than 4,500 meals to the poor and homeless across Western New York.

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 the new Alfiero Family Center of Hope and Promise and a Women and Children’s Shelter (Cornerstone Manor), along with the Dick Road Thrift Store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit www.buffalocitymission.org or call (716) 854-8181.

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