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CGM Thanksgiving Celebration: ‘It’s not just a meal’

CINCINNATI (Nov. 25, 2008) — Come for turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes; leave looking good and feeling warm.

City Gospel Mission, located at 1419 Elm Street in Over-the-Rhine, will host its annual Thanksgiving Celebration from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. this Thursday.

More than 450 traditional Thanksgiving meals will be served. Additionally, haircuts will be provided by licensed professionals, gently used donated coats and other winter outerwear will be handed out to those in need and the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Titans-Lions NFL game will be shown on a big-screen television.

The event is open to the public, and admission is free. Meals and services will be provided at anytime during the 2½-hour event.

“It’s not just a meal,” says Robin Wagner, CGM’s Director of Volunteer Services. “We try to make it an outreach for the community.”

More than 200 volunteers participate in the event, about half of which deliver 200 of the meals to disabled and elderly shut-ins in several Cincinnati communities.

Since 1924, CGM has served hurting, needy and homeless people by providing help and hope through a variety of programs and services which are designed to meet physical, spiritual and emotional needs. For decades, CGM has served a traditional Thanksgiving meal. In 2000, CGM expanded its Thanksgiving Celebration to include free services and entertainment, in addition to a meal.

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