

2022 Press Release:

For the last 54 years, the community of Topeka has come together to prepare and serve a wonderful free Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. Last year over 3000 people received a free hot meal on Thanksgiving. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner Foundation (CTFD) is volunteered based and relies completely on the donations from the community.

The 55th dinner will be served at the Ag Hall on Thursday, November 24 from 12:00 noon until 2 p.m. In addition to hosting the dinner service, the foundation will be delivering meals for individuals who are unable to travel. Those interested in getting a meal delivered should call the meal hotline at (785) 289-8538 between November 4 and November 18 at 4:00 PM. Be sure to provide your name, address, zip code, and phone number as well as how many meals you are needing. There is a limit of one meal per person and three meals per household. If you are a resident of one of Topeka's high-rise apartments and normally get daily meals delivered please check with your building manager before calling.

Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at any Topeka fire station from November 8th to November 20th. Non-perishable items needed are as follows:

- canned green beans
- canned sweet potatoes
- boxed dressing
- boxed instant potatoes
- canned jellied cranberry sauce
- canned milk
- canned chicken broth
- white sugar
- brown sugar.

Cash donations are also needed to offset the cost of perishable food items. Cash donations are accepted at all Corefirst Bank and Trust locations or may be mailed to CTDF; PO BOX 432, Topeka, KS 66601. Donations are also accepted through venmo @TopekaThanksgivingDinner.

Volunteers are needed from Monday, November 21 through Thursday, November 24. You can sign up online at www.trmonline.org or by calling (785) 354-1744. The volunteer hotline will be open from November 1 until all the spots have been filled.

The CTDF is very excited about this 55th dinner celebration and we look forward to once again working with our fellow citizens in meeting our primary goal "No one need dine alone on Thanksgiving."