A Message From Karen Pearl

This summer, my family gathered in Lake Tahoe for my niece’s wedding. With three generations together, I was so fortunate to have the warmth and support of loved ones for four glorious days. As wedding guests asked me about my work, I felt enormous pride in talking about God’s Love and the lives we touch every single day. People were in awe of what we do – a concept so simple yet so logistically complex. “How do you cook and deliver more than 7,000 meals every day?” “It’s amazing that you tailor each meal to each client’s specific medical needs.” “I can’t believe you feed the children and senior caregivers of clients too!” “I can feel the love and care you give clients just by how you talk about your services.” These were only a handful of the comments people made. I could have recruited more than 100 new volunteers that weekend but for the fact that we are in New York City and most of the guests were from California.

I often think that I feel so at home at God’s Love We Deliver because of the emphasis we place on families and their overall health. For decades, God’s Love has fed the children of our clients. Our Registered Dietitian Nutritionists work with our Executive Chef to create children’s meals that are healthy, delicious, and kid-friendly. We know that when we deliver meals to our clients’ children it makes all the difference in the world. Parents are better able to manage their treatments and take their medications when they do not have to worry about whether their kids get the nourishment they need every day.

We also know that caring for a sick family member is often strenuous, both physically and emotionally. Caregivers face a multitude of challenges and provide many different types of support, and sometimes forget – or are just too exhausted – to take care of their own health. To help ease some of the caregiver burden, God’s Love provides home-delivered meals to senior caregivers who reside with our senior clients. Healthy caregivers are better able to take care of their families, and we are grateful that we can be there for them.

Of course, in addition to nutritious meals, God’s Love also provides nutrition education and counseling to clients and their families, and this is what makes our program unique and so effective.

Being sick and hungry is a crisis that demands an urgent response – not only for our clients but for their families as well. With your help, we are able to provide the life-sustaining food and nutrition services that our clients and their families need – free of charge to them and full of love. Thank you for your generous support and gifts of volunteerism (or both!), and for being part of the God’s Love We Deliver family.
ADVOCACY UPDATE:
Ending the Epidemic:
Social Determinants of Health for People Living with HIV

Research shows that medically tailored meals help people living with HIV (PWH) remain nourished, adhere to their medications and achieve viral suppression. The same services improve health outcomes and lower the cost of care for PWH. God’s Love We Deliver advocates for the inclusion of our services in care plans for PWH in a number of ways.

Karen Pearl, President & CEO, sits on the AIDS United Public Policy Committee, and Alissa Wassung, Director of Policy & Planning, Co-Chairs the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership Structural Interventions Working Group.

To spread the word, we had the privilege of sharing our work at two key national conferences this fall. In August, our research with Dr. Angela Aidala of Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and Dr. David Holtgrave of the University of Albany, which focuses on the cost effectiveness of our services, was featured at the North American Housing and HIV Research Summit Plenary. In September, Karen presented with other Food Is Medicine Coalition colleagues at the United States Conference on AIDS on Food Is Medicine for People with HIV: Addressing Access Barriers through Nutrition Services. We are thrilled that our message reached such large audiences and believe this will help create the momentum necessary to increase the usage of medically tailored meals to address health needs and contribute to ending the epidemic.

CLIENT PROFILE:
Delivering Love to Jimmy

Before our client Jimmy got sick, he put his heart and soul into caring for his family – his mother, his wife, Maritza, and their two teenagers. Born and raised in New York City, he loved sports – playing baseball and football – and his time as a student studying accounting at Hunter College.

But everything changed two years ago when he started feeling ill. His days were consumed with medical appointments as doctors sought the cause of his symptoms. Finally, he was diagnosed with kidney cancer.

Jimmy had always worked – from the time he was nine years old. Now, unless he has a doctor’s appointment, he spends his days at home. With Maritza having health issues of her own, they worry about caring for themselves and their children. Finances are difficult. Luckily, Jimmy was referred to God’s Love through a social worker.

Now that Jimmy is living with cancer, he relies on God’s Love to help care for him and his children with nutritious, home-delivered meals. Every meal that Jimmy receives is tailored for him, his diagnosis, and his treatment. Additionally, his children receive well-rounded, child-friendly dinners. Jimmy loves the fresh vegetables so much, Maritza likes to joke that she’s “married to a rabbit.”

“Now that I have something good to eat, I feel better,” Jimmy says. “It’s good, knowing that we have food in the house. Without God’s Love, I wouldn’t have any other options. The volunteers and staff care. There are a lot more people who really need help and they should know that God’s Love is available.”

Every Thursday, he looks forward to greeting his delivery driver or volunteer. Life is a little easier now for Jimmy, Maritza and their children. Jimmy says, “It’s been a tough journey. But thank you, from me and my family.”

YOUNG HEARTS:
Friends Seminary gets their Hands Dirty

In May, we were thrilled to host three separate classes of first graders from Friends Seminary. Each class received a tour of the building (they loved the walk-in freezers!). Gerlinde, our Volunteer Engagement Specialist and resident horticulturist, helped the students plant our rooftop herb garden with seedlings they grew in class. The garden is now home to a variety of student-grown herbs. We are grateful for our on-going partnership with the Friends community.
Celebrating with a Plate and God’s Love Holiday Cards

The holidays are the most heartwarming time of the year at God’s Love. For most of us, the holidays would not feel right without a delicious, nourishing meal shared with loved ones. But for so many of our clients, Thanksgiving and December holiday celebrations can be a difficult, lonely time. That’s why every Thanksgiving and again in late December, we cook and deliver special holiday meals for our clients, who are often home by themselves for the holidays.

Cooking and delivering meals is a huge community effort, and we put all of our holiday cheer into these deliveries with your support. Our special holiday meals are delivered with love to make sure that each and every one of our sick clients knows that someone cares. In addition, we offer a guest meal to every client because we believe that no one should have to eat alone at the holidays. Please join us as we “Celebrate with a Plate” at God’s Love. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- Please share the spirit of the season and sponsor one or more holiday meals today for just $10 each by visiting glwd.org/celebratewithaplate.

- If you are interested in delivering meals in your neighborhood on Thanksgiving, please visit glwd.org/holiday.

- As you plan to reach out to friends and colleagues with warm wishes, we are delighted to offer our annual holiday card selection. Sending a holiday card from God’s Love is a great way to share the spirit of giving. Each card has a message to let recipients know that a donation has been made by you, in their honor, with your name handwritten inside the card. For a donation of $15 per card, we will address, stamp and mail your personalized cards with your return address on the envelope. Or, email our new digital greeting card. Visit glwd.org/catalog for more info.

- Shop our “Gifts from the Heart” holiday catalog. Visit glwd.org/catalog to see such items as Chuck’s Famous Brownies and Cookies, the new God’s Love Piggy Bank, bracelets and the God’s Love We Deliver Cookbook. One hundred percent of proceeds go toward fulfilling the urgent mission of God’s Love.

Thank you for your generous support. Happy Holidays!

Serving More than Just Our Clients: How We Support the Whole Family

At God’s Love, we know that when a person is living with a severe illness, it can be a crisis for all in the household. That’s why, since our founding, we have continually evolved our program to meet the needs of the whole family. Hundreds of children of our clients receive healthy breakfast kits, after school snacks and nutritious meals, along with meals we provide for their parents. The senior caregivers of our clients are also eligible to receive our individually tailored meals. In addition to unlimited, one-on-one nutrition counseling for every client, we also provide nutrition education for the family. Our Registered Dietitian Nutritionists talk to family members and caregivers about the importance of proper nutrition for their sick loved one and for themselves. We are dedicated to stabilizing all members of the household.

Of course, there are so many different ways to define family. Our Client Services and Program staff are always asking our clients who they consider to be their family. Not only do many of our clients live with their parents, children, or partners, but many live alone and consider their friends and neighbors family. The people who care for our clients are family members, friends, neighbors, and home health aides. We recently received a phone call from a client’s caregiver, saying, “I am very appreciative of God’s Love, as the program alleviates the pressure on me to provide all meals. The meals free me up to tend to other caregiving responsibilities.”

God’s Love has an impact on everyone in the family – even if that family does not live together or even in the same city or state. One scenario we see frequently is grown children having to travel long distances to care for a sick parent. When a loved one is living far away with a debilitating illness, it can be a huge burden to ensure they are eating well and their needs are being met. God’s Love provides relief for family members whether they are in the home or thousands of miles away.

Our Client Services Department is always seeking feedback from our clients via surveys and phone calls, and God’s Love fully anticipates that family needs evolve. If you know someone who can benefit from our services, contact our Client Services Department at 212.294.8102 or clientservices@glwd.org.
CORPORATIONS & FOUNDATIONS: Diverse Partnerships—Many Stories, One Reason

Often, an urgent need can bring out the best in people. We see this at God’s Love with our corporate and foundation partners who help us cook and home-deliver over 7,000 meals every day.

Our partnership with ADP is one example. Led by our Leadership Councilmember and ADP Vice President Jens Audenaert, this relationship has blossomed to include volunteer days of service, corporate support, and ADP employee team participation in our annual Race to Deliver in Central Park.

Other partnerships begin with event participation and grow from there. For example, after meeting new friends from the Morris and Alma Schapiro Fund through our Big Love Weekend yoga event, the Schapiro Fund now helps us strengthen our services to Harlem residents, with more outreach, services, and nutrition education.

Volunteerism has been a great starting point for many of our partnerships. Our friends at Gap Inc. have a strong history of participation in our volunteer department, helping to deliver meals for sick clients while also making grants to support our work through the Gap Foundation. Other corporate partnerships with strong volunteer support include Aerin, Bloomberg, The Clearing House, Colgate-Palmolive, Comcast, HBO, IAC Applications, M-A-C Cosmetics, Macy’s, Bloomingdale’s, Michael Kors, Nautica International, and Wells Fargo.

Our friends at American Express are the lead sponsors of our Volunteer Department. American Express and its employees are an amazing presence at God’s Love, with grants, volunteerism, volunteer appreciation, and other activities.

Many diverse partners returned to support our clients and our work this year, including the Hearst Foundation, which recently renewed its generous support for our nutrition program. Other renewed partnerships include Adobe, Komen Greater NYC, the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation, RJKB Family Charitable Foundation, and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. Other wonderful supporters include Himan Brown Charitable Trust, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, and the New York Community Trust.

Though we may host thousands of volunteers annually, and welcome many corporate and foundation partners, each partnership is unique, creating a tapestry of love and kindness that helps so many vulnerable New Yorkers who are too sick to shop or cook for themselves or their families. To all our partners, thank you for all that you do!

If you would like to get your company more involved at God’s Love, contact Stephen Covello at 212.294.8144 or scovello@glwd.org.

@celia_mei
So happy to be a chaperone for some awesome young people this morning, participating in Teens Serve Meals delivery with @bwayserves. We delivered food from @godslovenyc to people who need some extra help, and even got to sing happy birthday (IN 4 PART HARMONY) to one of them! So great to see teens in the theatre community who are committed to being of service wherever help is needed. (Also, I was reunited with Akira, whom I dance captained in @matildabroadway a couple of years ago!) #smallworld #bethechange #broadway
Helping Clients with Chronic Kidney Disease
by Lisa Zullig, MS, RDN, CSG, CDN

God’s Love is the only medically tailored, home-delivered meal program in the New York metropolitan area that provides meals for people living with chronic kidney disease (CKD). In the past year, we cooked and home-delivered 264,867 medically tailored meals for 1,084 people in households affected by CKD.

Managing CKD requires following an individualized, specific, balanced meal plan designed to compensate for reduced kidney function, and, over time, dialysis. Our plan is moderate in certain nutrients and fluids to ensure that clients stay well-nourished and feel as well as possible. Over the summer, God’s Love successfully piloted a renal-friendly breakfast program, and is working to implement this option on a wider scale.

In addition to delicious meals, our Nutrition Services team provides nutrition education and counseling to clients with CKD. Recently, the team conducted a survey of CKD clients to evaluate their interests, needs, and preferences for education. Based on the results, one of our Registered Dietitian Nutritionists conducted a teleconference focusing on CKD and cardiovascular disease risk, and the organization is planning more events around these topics.

We are proud to serve this community as we continue to strive to meet the urgent needs of clients living with CKD.

Butternut Squash Casserole
(Serves 4)

- 2 large butternut squash, peeled, seeded, diced
- 2 large red potatoes, diced
- 1 large carrot, peeled, diced
- 1 large onion, peeled, diced
- 2 large celery stalks, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup spinach, frozen, drained, chopped
- 2 cups brown rice, cooked (you can sub pasta or panko breadcrumb)
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese, grated
- ½ cup parmesan cheese, grated
- ¼ cup vegetable stock
- 5 sprigs thyme, picked, minced
- Salt & pepper
- Olive oil

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Peel and dice vegetables, grate cheeses, measure all ingredients – set aside.
3. Add butternut squash, potatoes, carrot, onion, celery to mixing bowl. Add healthy drizzle of olive oil and season with a good pinch of salt & pepper. Spread on roasting pan and place in oven. Cook until vegetables are caramelized. Alternatively, you can sauté vegetables on top of the stove.
4. Remove to plate, and allow vegetables to cool slightly.
5. Place vegetables, garlic, rice, cheese, vegetable stock, thyme, and spinach into a bowl. Mix and taste. Adjust seasoning to your liking, and add to casserole dish. Top with a little more cheese and bake in oven for 20-30 minutes – until top of casserole is brown.
6. Let cool slightly and enjoy!

From the God’s Love kitchen

Nutrition Recipe:
Butternut Squash Casserole
(Serves 4)

@heidiklum
Look who I ran into while I was volunteering at @godslovenyc JimNewman YMCA VillagePeople DancingWhileWeCook

@kemrichardson7
“Soo, for most of the #PrideMarch you will report from the street then you’ll get ON a float...” Me- “perfect!”😊 Thank you @godslovenyc for not rocking the float and for all your tremendous work 👏 @NYCPride @ABC7NY #nyc
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Sightings of great work for God’s Love around town...

Heidi Klum rolled up her sleeves to chop veggies and pack children’s breakfast kits in the kitchen on June 28. We are so grateful for Heidi’s years of ongoing support!

On June 13, we hosted an event for our Legacy Society members. Members and friends joined as Jeffrey Banks signed copies of his work Norell: An American Master and spoke with fashion industry expert Fern Mallis about his experience in the fashion industry. Karen Pearl and Board of Trustees member and Legacy Society ambassador Vicente Wolf also made remarks.

JEFFREY BANKS & FERN MALLIS TALK FASHION

On July 31, we held our Young Hearts Make Breakfast Count event, hosting NYC parent bloggers and their children. Guests included Elizabeth Savetsky of @excessoriesexpert, Jamie Hess @nycfitfam, Aliya Kong of @aliyaleekong, Donna Ladd of @motherburg, Beth Beckman of @littlekidnyc, Matthew and Byron Slosar, Brianne Marit of @strollerinthehcity, Jenna Crandall of @jenna_crandall, and Ira Savetsky of @irasavetsky. Our thanks to our new friends for rolling up their sleeves, putting on their hats, and helping us Make Breakfast Count!

ROCKAWAY SOIREE

On July 21, Rockaways native Nicholas Compagnone and Chase Yoselowitz threw the party of the summer to benefit God’s Love. The 1st annual Rockaway Soiree was a night of dancing, drinks, food, and fun. Nicholas and Chase, both members of genLOVE, our young professionals group, hosted this event to raise funds and awareness for the organization. Last year, God’s Love cooked and home-delivered over 29,000 nutritious meals to people living with severe illness in the Rockaways.

YOUNG HEARTS MAKE BREAKFAST COUNT!

On July 14, God’s Love supporters Matthew Krauthamer and Maxwell Devo hosted a cocktail reception at their Fire Island home in recognition of more than 33 years of tremendous support provided to God’s Love by The Pines and Cherry Grove communities. We would like to thank Matthew and Maxwell for their wonderful hospitality, our guests for joining us, and the entire Fire Island Community for supporting us since our founding.

COCKTAILS BY THE BAY

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COOKIN’ IN THE KITCHEN WITH KYLE MACLACHLAN AND CHEF MIKE ANTHONY

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**EVENT RECAP:**

**Celebrating our Volunteers**

Our 10,000 dedicated volunteers help us cook and deliver more than 1.8 million nutritious meals each year, saving God’s Love more than $2 million annually. To say thank you, on May 7, we held our annual Volunteer Celebration presented by American Express at the Copacabana, honoring our volunteers for their commitment, extraordinary work, and generous spirits. We truly have the best volunteers in the world and everything we do relies on their dedication. Volunteers and staff had a blast dancing the night away. We offer a huge thank you to our volunteers for all of their hard work and amazing support throughout the year!

**EVENT RECAP:**

**Savoring Pride 2018**

Pride Week 2018 was joyful at God’s Love! On June 21, we hosted Savor Pride, a culinary event at God’s Love in partnership with NYC Pride. Guests learned the best BBQ techniques, watched the coolest demonstrations and ate the tastiest dishes from some of the city’s best LGBTQ and ally chefs. Celebrity chefs Amanda Freitag (Food Network’s Chopped), Michael Anthony (Gramercy Tavern), Zac Young (Cooking Channel), Lazarus Lynch (Food Network) and Jake Cohen (Food influencer) and Chef Daniel of God’s Love cooked amazing dishes and dazzled us all with in-depth demos. Thank you to our chefs, sponsors and guests for a fabulous night!

On June 24, we had a blast at the 49th Annual NYC Pride March. Thank you to our invaluable volunteers, staff, and community who came out to march with and support us, to DJ Bobby Duron for the amazing music, and to our sponsors Dr. Praeger’s Purely Sensible Foods and Whole Foods Market NYC. We can’t wait for World Pride 2019 in New York City – watch this newsletter for updates.

@aerin

@demileighnp
One of my favorite places to spend time at! Thank you @godslovenyc for the very special early birthday surprise. I love it 💖 Visit @godslovenyc for more info on how you can get involved or also become a volunteer. #FoodIsMedicine #GodsLoveWeDeliver #GLWD
EVENT RECAP:

Midsummer Night Drinks

June 9 was a perfectly gorgeous evening for our 300+ guests at the 18th Annual Midsummer Night Drinks held at Listowel, a beautiful private home in Water Mill, New York.

At the event, we were delighted to honor Sam Shahid, a long-time, dedicated supporter who designed our iconic logo. Sam, God’s Love Board of Trustees Chair Michael Sennott, President & CEO Karen Pearl, and Vice President & Chief Development Officer David Ludwigson gave inspiring remarks about the vital nature of our mission. Guests then bid on God’s Love program items such as meals for one year for a person living with HIV/AIDS or meals for a mother living with breast cancer and her children for six months.

Guests also enjoyed hors d’oeuvres and a raw bar by Canard, Inc., along with signature cocktails by Dante NYC from Campari. Gorgeous flowers were provided by Alexandra Abuza Floral & Garden.

God’s Love thanks this year’s corporate sponsors: Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus, Acqua Panna, S. Pellegrino, Perrier, Dante NYC, Fever-Tree, Campari, Aperol Spritz, Peroni, Bluemercury and WelleCo. Special thanks to Paul Wilmot Communications and Tim Davis of Corcoran Group Real Estate. Everyone left with “Chuck’s Famous Brownies,” baked with love by Chuck the Baker, who has been the baker for God’s Love for more than 27 years – a sweet ending to a beautiful evening. We thank all of our guests for their wonderful support. You made the evening a great success.
EVENT RECAP:

The Lost Warhols: Bringing Andy Home

For three weeks in May, God’s Love was proud to host The Lost Warhols right next door to our home in SoHo. The Lost Warhols, a one-of-a-kind art exhibition based on images of Andy Warhol, is a collection of 66 unique works. The exhibit featured artist Karen Bystedt’s original photographs of Andy Warhol taken in 1983, as well as a series of collaborative mixed media works by critically acclaimed and emerging street artists such as Peter Tunney, Speedy Graphito, Gregory Siff, Bradley Theodore, and The Producer BDB. This marked the first time all 66 works were exhibited as an ensemble. The eclectic pieces were all for sale to benefit God’s Love.

We are so grateful to our official sponsor The Dominick Hotel, to Tavros Capital for providing the space, and to Karen for bringing this initiative to God’s Love. We also thank all of the collaborating artists for their generosity and inspiring creativity, and those who purchased pieces at the show.

@jakecohen
Pride and went to heaven. (So glad to be part this incredible event for @nycpride with @godslovenyc! Everyone should volunteer for this incredible organization!!) #SavorPride #pride #gay #instagay #jarrytype #boxymag

@jensaudenaert
Amazing time today introducing the #workmarket leadership team to @godslovenyc. Great time cutting veggies in the kitchen and connecting with a powerful mission! 🍆 #foodismedicine #foodislove #workhappy #adppride @ADPCareers
EVENT RECAP:

Spring & 6th with genLOVE

More than 300 people came out on May 9 for Spring & 6th, our annual cocktail party sponsored by generation LOVE (genLOVE), our young professionals group. At the event, supporters were encouraged to participate in our #GiveUpGiveBack initiative, by joining our monthly giving program and finding something they can “give up to give back” to support our mission. “Give Up, Give Back” reminds us that by making a small change in our lifestyle, like choosing to forgo two coffees a month or bringing lunch to work a few times a month, we are able to provide not just two meals, but love, hope, and dignity, to a neighbor living with severe illness. Thanks to our host committee members for their wonderful support and to our sponsors Tito’s Handmade Vodka and Delta Air Lines. Find out more about genLOVE and how to join at glwd.org/generationlove.
On the Calendar

SAVE THE DATE:
GOD’S LOVE WE DELIVER
Golden Heart Awards
OCTOBER 16, 2018
Spring Studios, New York City
glwd.org/goldenheartawards

At this year’s dinner, we will celebrate the remarkable contributions of: Academy Award nominated, Golden Globe and Tony Award winning actor Hugh Jackman, who will receive the Michael Kors Award for Outstanding Community Service; Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and screenwriter Tony Kushner who will receive the Golden Heart Award for Lifetime Achievement; and world-renowned auctioneer and philanthropist Jamie Niven will receive the Golden Heart Award for Outstanding Volunteerism.

SAVE THE DATE:
The Douglas Elliman Ride for Love
OCTOBER 27, 2018
New York City
crowdrise.com/RideforLove2018

SAVE THE DATE:
Thanksgiving
NOVEMBER 22, 2018
glwd.org/holiday

SAVE THE DATE:
GOD’S LOVE WE DELIVER
Authors in Kind
APRIL, 2019, DATE TBD
Location TBD
glwd.org/authorsinkind

SAVE THE DATE:
GOD’S LOVE WE DELIVER
Race to Deliver
NOVEMBER 18, 2018
Central Park, New York City
racetodeliver.org

SAVE THE DATE:
GOD’S LOVE WE DELIVER
Love Rocks NYC
MARCH 7, 2019
Beacon Theatre, New York City
Loverocksny.com

For tickets, sponsorship or more information for any of these events, please contact events@glwd.org or call 212.294.8162.

WHAT’S YOUR LEGACY?:
Meet Belinda Levychin
Legacy Society Member

My connection to God’s Love We Deliver is deeply personal. One of my dearest friends in the whole wide world, Derrick, passed away from AIDS. He had lived off and on with my family over a few years, and right before he passed away, we convinced him to go home to live with his family. I’m so glad that he had their love and care at the very end, and that he had the love and care of my family during his time of great need. Everyone should have that when they’re experiencing a crisis in health.

After Derrick died I was devastated. Having lived in New York for over 30 years, I had known that God’s Love had started as a program for homebound people with AIDS. I couldn’t save Derrick from his disease, but I could put my time, energy, and love into feeding someone else who was facing HIV/AIDS, or another serious illness. I started volunteering in the kitchen on Wednesday mornings. Every time I would go in on a Wednesday I would feel like I was cooking a meal for Derrick. I volunteered every week for a solid year. I even worked on my birthday during a huge snowstorm! Helping others helped me through my grief, and helped me experience the joy of service.

After that year of volunteering, my life shifted. I was raising my children, and hard at work as an ad executive. Although I couldn’t volunteer anymore, I stayed with God’s Love. I give tribute cards to friends and family at the holidays, and I see myself as an ambassador, talking about God’s Love left and right to pretty much anyone I meet.

I’ve joined the Legacy Society because God’s Love is so special to me. You can clearly see the impact the organization has with a simple meal. Every meal made and delivered with love – what could be better than that? I want this organization to be around forever, and I am so proud that my legacy is tied to an organization doing such good.
**Our Year in Review. Thank You!**

1.8 million nutritious meals delivered
With the help of 10,000 volunteers and YOU!

21 millionth meal cooked and delivered

Launched first-ever Community Partners Expo

**New Recipe:** Beef Bolognese

7,000+ meals cooked and delivered each day

65 new menu items

187,000+ miles driven

250,000+ doorbells rung

**Launched first-ever Community Partners Expo**

4,839 nutrition assessments and counseling sessions

Translated our “Nutrition Tips for Older Adults” booklet into Spanish

7,000+ clients, children, and senior caregivers served

105,000 calls managed from clients

**THE MISSION OF GOD’S LOVE WE DELIVER** is to improve the health and well-being of men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other serious illnesses by alleviating hunger and malnutrition. We prepare and deliver nutritious, high-quality meals to people who, because of their illness, are unable to provide or prepare meals for themselves. We also provide illness-specific nutrition education and counseling to our clients, families, care providers and other service organizations. All of our services are provided free of charge without regard to income.

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