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DAVID LUDWIGSON, DAVID TERVEEN, KAREN PEARL, SCOTT BRUCKNER, TERRENCE MECK & JON GILMAN AT THE 2018 GOLDEN HEART AWARDS

A Message From Karen Pearl

As I celebrated the holiday season with my loved ones, I reflected, with deep gratitude, on all the God's Love We Deliver community has accomplished together this past year. On Thanksgiving, I cooked a traditional meal for family and friends, and was delighted that our clients also had traditional Thanksgiving meals for themselves, their children, and their senior caregivers, as well as for a guest. To make that possible, we cooked and delivered more than 6,500 Thanksgiving meals, with 2,700 guest meals included so that no client had to spend Thanksgiving alone. With so much cooking, it's no surprise that we celebrated our 22 millionth meal during Thanksgiving – what an extraordinary achievement!

As I carefully chose and sent gifts to my grandchildren for the holidays, I thought about the holiday gifts we sent to our clients and their children. I am certain that we brought magic to many homes this season as children delighted in opening their holiday gifts. In December, we

brightened the lives of our clients with special Winter Feast meals (along with guest meals, of course), all made possible by generous support from so many friends and thousands of volunteers who brought holiday cheer to the homes of clients.

In addition to cooking and delivering 1.8 million meals, our accomplishments in 2018 included the addition of 67 new items to our menu, a new and engaging website, new delivery vans, significant upgrades to our technology to manage our growing operations, and tremendous progress on integrating medically tailored food and nutrition into healthcare reform. You can read more in the newsletter about how the visibility and impact of the Food Is Medicine movement is rapidly growing.

2018 was also an outstanding year for our signature events. At the Golden Heart Awards in October, we raised \$2.5 million with the support of so many of you, and especially

our friends at Michael Kors. In November, we hosted our 25th Annual Race to Deliver in Central Park. The Race represents everything we do daily at God's Love, as we race throughout the greater metropolitan area to deliver our nutritious and delicious meals to our clients.

I want you to know that our clients are so appreciative and touched by everything we do for them. Whether you are a volunteer, a donor, a God's Love staff member, or a friend in our community, please know that you made a difference this year in the lives of thousands of people too sick to shop or cook for themselves. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do for those who count on God's Love.

A new year is upon us, and I look forward to all we will achieve together in 2019.

—Karen

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Hearing from Clients at the Holidays

Thank you to everyone for all your support at the holidays and throughout the year. It is always meaningful to receive feedback during the holiday season, and here is some of what our clients and their loved ones had to say about their special holiday meals in November and December:

"My dad just received his package and he's a dialysis patient. He is so thankful and grateful for your deliveries. Happy Thanksgiving! You guys are doing great work!"

"I want to give God's Love a heartfelt thank you. The Thanksgiving delivery truly touched my heart. I was especially touched by the shopping bags that were designed by children. They remind me of my grandchildren. And the fact that you all work on Thanksgiving is especially impressive."

"Just finished my Winter Feast meal. Thanks. I'm stuffed – it was the best ever!"

"Words alone cannot express my true gratitude to this beautiful organization. The food is excellent and meets my nutritional needs. The Thanksgiving meal and basket truly made Thanksgiving even more special for me."

"This was the best Thanksgiving!"

"I want to thank you so much for our food. I really appreciate it. It made our day just wonderful."

"My holiday meal was superb, and the dessert was wild! Everything was so delicious, and you made me feel well by making the special delivery."

"Beautiful Thanksgiving dinner. No small task organizing such a successful event. God's Love makes it appear effortless."

"Thank you for the holiday dinner. It was incredible and wonderful. And I was grateful for the second meal that allowed me to share the day with someone else."

"Thank you for the Thanksgiving meals. I spent the day with my father and we really enjoyed the food. I am very appreciative of the support you provide to my father."

"Thank you all so much for your caring, love and beautiful smiles. Thanksgiving was especially beautiful for me when two wonderful volunteers delivered my Thanksgiving meal for me and my son. It was delicious! You touched me so, I almost cried, but enjoyed the meal instead. Thank you again for all that you do."



OUR CLIENT BRIAN WITH HIS SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MEAL



KAREN PEARL & CONGRESSMAN JERROLD NADLER



ORLANDO RODRIGUEZ, REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOROUGH PRESIDENT GALE BREWER'S OFFICE, AND HIS DAUGHTER



COUNCIL MEMBER DIANA AYALA AND OUR CLIENT

ADVOCACY UPDATE:

Public Officials Spread Love on Thanksgiving

As we celebrated our biggest Thanksgiving yet by delivering 6,500 Thanksgiving feasts, we were honored to be joined by many of our elected officials and their staff members. They woke up bright and early to help us load special Thanksgiving baskets into our delivery vans and deliver meals to our vulnerable clients. Thanksgiving really is a special time at God's Love and we were happy to share the holiday with those who serve our community.

We were joined by our very own Congressman Jerrold Nadler and his staff, as well as representatives from Borough President Gale Brewer's office. And Council Member Diana Ayala delivered Thanksgiving meals to a constituent and her senior caregiver.

A heartfelt thank you to the public officials who helped make this Thanksgiving special. We were pleased to share our urgent mission, and that our representatives saw firsthand the impact of our work on the lives of so many.

NEWS:

God's Love and City Harvest Team Up

God's Love is thrilled to announce our new partnership with City Harvest. This collaboration will help ensure that New Yorkers who are unable to shop or cook for themselves receive the medically tailored meals they need and that families across the city who struggle to put meals on the table have access to nutritious food. God's Love will utilize produce rescued and delivered by City Harvest in our medically tailored meals that are home-delivered to clients and families. In return, God's Love is donating meals to City Harvest for delivery to community food programs that serve over 3,000 individuals each month.

The partnership came about through the two organizations' complementary mission of providing nutrition and food to the city's most vulnerable residents. With food as the common denominator, we reach New Yorkers in need across the city.

"We are excited to be partnering with an outstanding organization like City Harvest. Moving forward, as we strive to reach all who need our services and where our work is complimentary, we look forward to leveraging this relationship and others like it that make sense," said David Ludwigson, Vice President and Chief Development Officer.

God's Love is the leading provider of medically tailored meals in the metropolitan area, delivering life-sustaining meals and nutrition counseling for individuals living with severe and/or chronic illnesses and their families. City Harvest helps ensure that good food does not go to waste by redirecting it to help feed our neighbors who are struggling to feed themselves and their families. They rescue food from over 2,500



food donors across the city and country, and deliver it, free of charge, to hundreds of soup kitchens, food pantries, and other community food programs across the five boroughs.

The first three months of the partnership resulted in 4,000 donated medically tailored entrees and soups and 5,500 pounds of donated produce. We anticipate the coming months to follow suit as the partnership grows.



NEWS:

God's Love Serves Immigrant Children for Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving, God's Love delivered special holiday meals to immigrant children who have been separated from their parents and are being temporarily housed in New York. We were asked to send food that "tastes like home." To respond, our chefs cooked up pupusa de cerdo con curtido (a traditional Guatemalan/El Salvadorian pork-stuffed masa with traditional cole slaw) and pepian de pollo con arroz y frijoles (a traditional Guatemalan chicken stew with coconut rice and beans) for the kids to enjoy. The children also received special desserts of tres leches cake and a traditional Guatemalan cookie. God's Love is proud to bring a little bit of home – and a lot of love – to these children.

God's Love Welcomes New Board Members



INCOMING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TERENCE MECK AND OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SCOTT BRUCKNER WITH NEW BOARD MEMBERS DAN WRIGHT, DANIELLE SEGAL, TANGELA RICHTER AND JENS AUDENAERT

We are pleased to announce the addition of Jens Audenaert, Aerin Lauder, Michael Meagher, Tangela Richter, Danielle C. Segal, and Sheridan Wright II to our Board of Directors.

Jens Audenaert is a graduate of Harvard Business School and is Division Vice President and General Manager of WorkMarket, an ADP Company. He has been an active member of the God's Love community and volunteer leadership since 2013 when he first joined our Leadership Council. Jens also helped found our young professional's group, genLOVE, and remains an active member. Jens has personally stewarded the ADP corporate partnership since 2013.

Aerin Lauder is the creative force and founder of AERIN, a celebrated luxury lifestyle brand that launched in 2012. A

graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication, Aerin held various positions at Estée Lauder and Clinique before starting her own brand. Aerin was presented with the Golden Heart Award for Lifetime Achievement at the 2013 Golden Heart Awards and volunteers regularly in the God's Love kitchen.

Michael Meagher is CEO of Seaport Global. Previously, he was the Co-Founder of The Seaport Group. Michael built his career in distressed debt sales and trading with senior management positions, first at Salomon Brothers, then at Kidder Peabody and Lehman Brothers. Michael started his career at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office as a Criminal Trial Lawyer in 1982. Michael received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Marquette University and has a J.D. from Cornell Law School.

Tangela Richter is an attorney and Corporate Secretary and Chief Governance Officer at American Express. She is a current member of the New York and District of Columbia Bars, Sector Advisory Group for the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board, and Advisory Board for the Society for Corporate Governance. Formerly, Tangela served on the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society of

the District of Columbia and Board of Advisors for the Corporate Counsel Women of Color. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Howard University.

Danielle C. Segal is an attorney in the Trusts & Estates Department of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP in New York. Danielle received her B.A. degree magna cum laude in 2005 from the University of Pennsylvania, where she majored in Diplomatic History. She received her J.D. degree in 2010 from Columbia Law School, where she was a member of the Journal of Transnational Law and a Stone Scholar. Danielle joined our young professional's group, genLOVE, in 2017. She was previously the Executive Chair of Einstein Emerging Leaders, a young professionals organization working to support the Albert Einstein School of Medicine.

Sheridan Wright (known as "Dan" to his many friends and family) has been actively involved with God's Love since he began volunteering and giving as an individual donor nearly a decade ago. Today, he serves as Co-Chair of the Leadership Council and has made important contributions to the community's growth, evolution and diversity. Dan, who is a NYC-based photographer, enjoys traveling wherever and whenever he can with family, capturing the beauty of the natural world with a heightened sense of reality, all along the journey.

NEWS:

Check Out Our New Website!

We are delighted to announce the launch of the new God's Love We Deliver website! After 18 months of hard work, our new site will serve as a valuable resource for clients, supporters, volunteers, and the whole community. Special thanks to Jonah Disend for recommending Franklyn who designed the site and to Emmett Findley and David Cholcher who led the God's Love team.

Please visit godslovewedeliver.org to see everything that's new, including how to donate, volunteer or become a client, our menu items, nutrition tips, and so much more. Here are just a few of the exciting new features of the site:

- It's mobile-friendly. Our new site will be able to format to any screen, whether you're on your desktop, mobile phone, or tablet.

- It can be read in several different languages! Via a Google translate bar in our footer, you will be able to translate our site to Bengali, Spanish, French, Chinese, Haitian Creole, and Russian.
- Just like our meals, our website is easy to use and tailored just for you! Whether you're signing up to become a client, referring a healthcare member, signing up to volunteer, or donating, our website will help you get there, with just a few easy clicks.

We hope you will take a few minutes to browse godslovewedeliver.org. Thank you for supporting God's Love and helping us cook and deliver thousands of nutritious meals every weekday for New Yorkers who are too sick to shop or cook for themselves.



@radtke327

EVERYBODY EAT!
Delivering meals and smiles to Brooklyn. My car smells soooo good. @godslovenyc #godslovethanksgiving



@themarcjacobs

Making the rounds for @godslovenyc Gods Love We Deliver. Me and Charly are so grateful to your organization. What a beautiful thing you do. If we all just helped someone with something, think about what a difference that would make to the lives of so many!! #spreadlove #beofservice #whatawonderfulworlditwouldbe



Making Strides in Food is Medicine

For many years, God's Love We Deliver has been working through the lens of "Food Is Love | Food Is Medicine." Our clients tell us they appreciate both the care and healing we provide. Our meals make them feel better, and they talk about the warmth and love they feel with every delivery and in every bite.

All around the country, the Food Is Medicine movement is growing. We are making tremendous progress creating systems change to ensure that the medically tailored meal intervention we provide is part of the continuum of health care, that it is broadly accessible to those who need it, and that it is of the highest quality. Increasingly, God's Love is receiving recognition for this important work.

The heart of our program is our medically tailored meal intervention, which has a unique focus on people living with severe and chronic illness. The God's Love program starts when clients call us or are referred to us by medical providers or health plans, and our team of Registered Dietitian Nutritionists conducts nutrition assessments. Our meals are then individually tailored for clients' specific medical circumstances, cooked from scratch in our kitchen in lower Manhattan, and home-delivered in our refrigerated vans. God's Love clients also have access to unlimited nutrition education and counseling.

A growing body of research shows that the medically tailored meal intervention improves health outcomes and reduces healthcare costs. Programs like God's Love decrease hospital admissions and increase the likelihood that patients will be discharged to home and not an institution. God's Love can feed a person medically tailored meals for a year for the same cost as just one stay in the hospital.

Because of terrific results like these, the New York State Department of Health requires hospitals and health plans to contract with one community-based organization and one social determinants of health provider. God's Love meets both categories. Social determinants of health are conditions outside of medical care that directly affect health functioning, including housing, transportation, food and nutrition, and legal assistance. Research shows that 80% of health is due to social determinants of health while only 20% is due to medical care.

God's Love has many partnerships with healthcare providers to best meet the needs of our clients. We have 24 Managed Long Term Care contracts, three mainstream Medicaid Managed Care contracts and



DAVE CHOKSHI, CHIEF POPULATION HEALTH OFFICER, NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS; MANMEET KAUR, FOUNDER & CEO, CITY HEALTH WORKS; KAREN PEARL, PRESIDENT & CEO, GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER; IYAH ROMM, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CITYBLOCK HEALTH AT CRAIN'S HEALTH CARE SUMMIT

five pilot projects with hospital systems. These contracts and pilots are testing the efficacy of the medically tailored meal intervention following discharge from the hospital or for people living with specific illnesses.

We are proud that, in September, the New York State Department of Health recognized God's Love as a winner of its Social Determinants of Health Innovations Award.

God's Love staff have also been sharing our expertise across the country, including at the Root Cause Coalition National Summit, Cleveland Clinic Medical Innovation Summit, United States Conference on AIDS, National Healthy Aging Conference, Community Healthcare Network Integrative Medicine & Community Nutrition Symposium, National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment, Food is Medicine Coalition National Summit, and in presentations to health systems around New York State. And in November, our President & CEO, Karen Pearl, was featured on a panel at the Crain's Health Care Summit.


We are proud to deliver dignity, hope, and love to clients every day. In addition to our nutritious and delicious meals, we share love with our clients by delivering birthday cakes, offering guest meals on Thanksgiving and Winter Feast, and providing holiday gifts for clients and for their children.

As we say, Food is Love and Food is Medicine.

Medically Tailored Meal Intervention

For people with serious illness medically tailored meals:

↓  **50%** fewer hospital admissions

↑  **23%** more likely to be discharged to home and not an institution

↑  **16%** net savings in healthcare costs

↑  **50%** increase in adherence to medication



@johnpaaark

Trying to share Love with our hands and feet #GodsLoveThanksgiving



@jshefferstevens

THANK YOU to ALL who supported team Rhodes Runners in the @godslovenyc #racetodeliver! & big shout out to our Dutch friends who support us every year! Together we raised over \$1500 to bring hand-delivered, nutrition-packed meals to New Yorkers who are too sick to shop and cook.



EVENT RECAP:

Golden Heart Awards

God's Love was honored to welcome more than 700 guests to the 12th Annual Golden Heart Awards on October 16, raising \$2.5 million in support of our urgent mission.

The sold-out gala, which was held at Spring Studios in Manhattan, began with a cocktail hour sponsored by Tito's Handmade Vodka with specialty drinks designed by Dante NYC, as well as tastings from iconic New York restaurants including Katz's Delicatessen, Murray's Cheese, Gramercy Tavern, Empellon, Russ & Daughters, and Antica Pesa. Casamigos also presented an exclusive Tequila Bar. Cocktails were followed by dinner and a live auction.

Comedian and writer Amber Ruffin started off the night welcoming guests. At this year's dinner, we celebrated the remarkable contributions of world-renowned auctioneer and philanthropist, Jamie Niven; Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and screenwriter Tony Kushner; and Academy Award®-nominated, Golden Globe- and Tony Award-winning performer Hugh Jackman. Philanthropist and God's Love Vice-Chair of the Board Blaine Trump presented Mr. Niven with the Golden Heart Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. Mr. Kushner then received the Golden Heart Award for Lifetime Achievement from actor Nathan Lane. After dinner, which included a fall salad

and beef short ribs by Michael Anthony, Board Member and executive chef of Gramercy Tavern, and carrot cake by The Food Network's Amanda Freitag, God's Love President & CEO Karen Pearl made remarks and Christie's Lydia Fenet led a rousing auction. Michael Kors then took to the stage to present Mr. Jackman with the Michael Kors Award for Outstanding Community Service.

The Golden Heart Awards are presented annually by God's Love to honor the important contributions of individuals, corporations and foundations to the organization's cause. Funds raised at the event help ensure that no person in the metropolitan area suffers the dual crises of hunger and life-altering illness.

Thank you to our Honorary Chairwoman, Anna Wintour, and Co-Chairs Kate Hudson, John Idol, Michael Kors, Aerin Lauder, Jordan Roth and Blaine Trump. Special thanks to Chef Michael Anthony, Chef Amanda Freitag, Paul Wilmot Communications, Casamigos, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Dante NYC, Raul Avila Inc., Katz's Delicatessen, Murray's Cheese, Gramercy Tavern, Empellon, Russ & Daughters and Antica Pesa. With your support we can be there for our vulnerable neighbors without wait, without fail, and always, with love.



MICHAEL KORS, HUGH JACKMAN, DEBORRA-LEE FURNESS & LANCE LE PERE



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HUGH JACKMAN, DEBORRA-LEE FURNESS, JAMIE NIVEN & KAREN PEARL



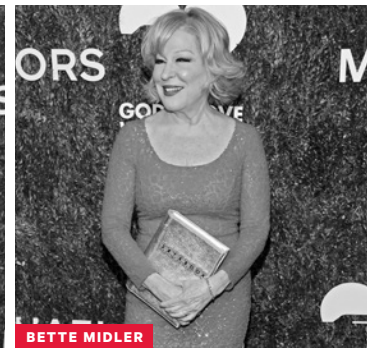
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CHEF AMANDA FREITAG & VICTORIA SCOTT



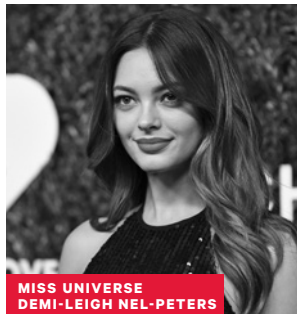
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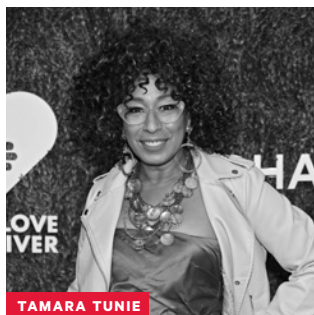
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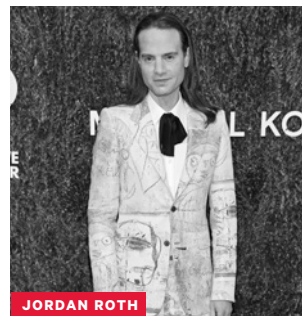
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Medical Residents Learn Food is Medicine

by Lisa Zullig, MS, RDN, CSG, CDN

Last year, God's Love We Deliver received an Improving Collaborations between Primary Care Residency Program and Community-Based Organizations grant from the Greater New York Hospital Association to develop an immersion training program for medical residents. The purpose of the program was to provide residents with first-hand knowledge of how the social determinants affect health from the perspective of community-based organizations. Our program focused on the fundamental role of medically tailored food and nutrition services in addressing the health needs of people living with serious illness. Additional objectives included how to determine risk for malnutrition, food insecurity, and how to identify those who might benefit from community nutrition services including medically tailored home delivered meal services. God's Love was matched with SUNY Downstate Family Medicine Residency for the project.

The God's Love Nutrition Services team designed a full-day program for residents to experience a combination of hands-on activities, lecture and discussion at our facility. It was structured into three parts: a morning in our kitchen assisting with the preparation of our medically tailored meals; a shared meal prepared by our kitchen team; and then an interactive educational program conducted by our Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.

During the grant period, we held three one-day immersion trainings for SUNY Downstate Family Medicine Residents. Residents commented that in addition to learning about the food is medicine research and useful tools for their practice, they loved seeing how the food was prepared and how it tasted: these tangible elements make patient referral easier. In November 2018, along with SUNY Downstate staff, I presented about the program at the Family Medicine Education Consortium

meeting, and we are currently on track to expand the program beyond the original grant. The next group of SUNY Downstate Family Medicine residents will be at God's Love this month, and we are offering this training to additional programs as well.

The social determinants of health have a huge impact on health achievement. The collaboration of Community-Based Organizations and the healthcare system is critical for better health outcomes, and we are enthusiastic to share our expertise about the efficacy of evidence-based, cost effective medically tailored meals for people living with severe illness.



from the God's Love kitchen

FEATURED RECIPE:

Braised Beef with Cherries (Serves 4)

- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 pound beef stew meat, cut into 2-inch cubes
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 cup red wine
- 1 cup dried cherries, unsweetened
- 3 cups beef stock, homemade or low sodium canned
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 sprigs thyme
- 1 large onion, peeled and chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

1. Mix flour, salt, and pepper.
2. Place pot over medium-high heat, toss beef in seasoned flour. Pat off any excess flour.
3. Add oil to pan. Working in batches, brown beef on all sides. Set beef aside.
4. Add onions to pan, season with pinch salt and sauté for 3 minutes. Add garlic and stir.
5. Deglaze with red wine and reduce by half. Add stock, beef, cherries, bay leaves, and thyme. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and cover.
6. Cook until beef is tender—around 1 ½ hours.
7. Serve with crusty bread.

Served to clients for the December holidays!



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A huge thanks to #TeamNYRR and all the volunteers out here for 25th running of #RaceToDeliver. We couldn't be more proud of our partnership with @godslovenyc! Head to <http://GLWD.org> to read more about the important work they do in NYC and beyond.



@realhughjackman

Thank you @MichaelKors for the incredible honor and, for the work you do for @godslovenyc. @Deborra_lee #LanceLaPere #goldenheartawards



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Sightings of great work for God's Love around town...

COLOR FACTORY

In August, pop-up collaborative interactive exhibit Color Factory opened its doors just a block from God's Love in SoHo. Guests were given the opportunity to donate \$10, which funds one birthday cake for a client, and decorate birthday cards for clients. A portion of the gift shop proceeds also benefited God's Love. We are honored to be part of this exciting exhibition which runs through August 2019. Please visit colorfactory.co for more info.



DOUGLAS ELLIMAN RIDE FOR LOVE 2018



WORLD AIDS DAY

On November 30, God's Love observed World AIDS Day to show support and solidarity for all those affected by HIV/AIDS around the world, including so many of our clients. M-A-C AIDS Fund once again joined us to honor World AIDS Day by volunteering in our kitchen for the first two weeks of December. We are honored to partner with M-A-C AIDS Fund on World AIDS Day, and every day, to provide life-sustaining meals to individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Founded by Douglas Elliman's Max Dobens, the Ride for Love is an annual 100-mile bike ride from NYC to Atlantic City, all to raise funds for God's Love. Unfortunately, this year's Ride was cancelled due to inclement weather, but we still celebrated with a dinner in Brooklyn and raised \$150,000. In its six years, the Ride has raised more than \$800,000. Thank you to all our friends at Douglas Elliman!

BROADWAY DELIVERS



On December 13, our 5th floor was filled with cast members from *Pretty Woman*, *School of Rock*, *Kinky Boots*, *Mean Girls*, *The Play that Goes Wrong*, and *King Kong* who led our volunteers and staff in holiday caroling. After singing, some of the cast members joined us in the kitchen for a volunteer shift. We are grateful to the casts for sharing their voices with us.



A COMMUNITY TABLE EVENT

**WITH CHEF AMANDA FREITAG,
HOSTED BY CHEF MICHAEL ANTHONY**

On November 13, we celebrated a special Community Table hosted by Chef Michael Anthony featuring Chef Amanda Freitag. Both chefs provided guests with a cooking demonstration, followed by a live viewing of *The Food Network's Chopped* where Chef Amanda competed on behalf of God's Love and won \$10,000. Congratulations Amanda!



TCS NYC MARATHON 2018

EVENT RECAP:

25th Annual Race to Deliver



GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER
Race to Deliver

On Sunday, November 18, we held our 25th Annual Race to Deliver in Central Park. The Race to Deliver is one of the largest annual fundraisers for God's Love. It is a symbol of our own daily race to ensure no one has to face the unthinkable combination of illness and hunger. We were thrilled to be joined by special guest Miss Universe Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters and thousands of participants all running to support God's Love.

We could not have such a successful event without all of our amazing sponsors and teams, including M·A·C AIDS Fund, Gramercy Tavern, ADP, Capital One, Global Brands Group, Simon & Schuster, LOVE TEAM, Roz's Girls, John Varvatos Family, Michael Kors, Team Wright, Friends Seminary, Ralph Lauren, and Fields Good Chicken.

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Race, and we can't wait to cheer you on next year!



ROZ'S GIRLS



TEAM GRAMERCY TAVERN



TEAM WRIGHT



THE LOVE TEAM



TEAM GLOBAL BRANDS GROUP



TEAM ADP

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EVENT RECAP:

Young Hearts Holiday Cookie Party

Age doesn't stop young folks from giving back to their neighbors! Our Young Hearts program is aimed at engaging children and instilling them with the spirit of social service on which God's Love was founded. On December 3, students from Friends Seminary and other local schools joined us to decorate cookies for our clients' children and holiday cards for our clients with Chuck the Baker and Chef Amanda Freitag. Thanks to all our #GodsLoveYoungHearts for their wonderful work and generosity!



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Had a great time last night at the 9th Annual Lasagna Dinner hosted by our Thursday night volunteers. Thank you all for your generous donations and for your heartfelt volunteerism.

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Working to Improve Every Day



**VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT
MANAGER YOLANDA DECEUS**

A tremendous amount of volunteer work goes into cooking and home-delivering 1.8 million meals annually for our sick neighbors. It's no secret that we could not achieve our mission without the help of more than 13,000 volunteers annually who chop vegetables,

package meals, make deliveries, and assist with so many other activities.

Our recent survey is just one way we listen to volunteers to ensure we are delivering the best experience possible. We received 498 responses to the emailed survey. Here's some of what we learned:

- **64%** of respondents have been volunteering for more than a year, and 31% have been at God's Love for five years or more.
- **99%** said they feel their work is appreciated by God's Love staff.
- **91%** say the volunteer program at God's Love is "extremely organized" or "very organized."

Many respondents also offered suggestions for improvements to the volunteer experience. For example, many volunteers reported an interest in hearing more about clients, and news about God's Love. Others cited the need for communication, and context. "What are all these onions for?" "Who are we serving these days?" "Who is training the newcomers?"

We take volunteer feedback seriously, and we are taking steps to improve. For instance, we now post volunteers' hours in the volunteer lounge, along with printed copies of the re-launched volunteer e-newsletter. Also, to manage the growing community of volunteers, Yolanda Deceus has joined us as the new Volunteer Engagement Manager. Yolanda brings a wealth of volunteer management experience with her and will be working with the volunteer staff to manage shifts, assignments, training, and other inquiries. We will continue to implement changes suggested in the survey throughout the year.

Our thanks to all the volunteers whose energy and dedication helps to brighten the lives of the people we serve. As we continue to grow and improve, we welcome your ongoing feedback. You can contact our Volunteer Department at 212-294-8158, at volunteer@glwd.org, or simply stop by the volunteer office any time.

ON THE CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE:



GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER
Love Rocks NYC

MARCH 7, 2019
BEACON THEATRE, NYC
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Please join us on March 7 at the historic Beacon Theatre for the third annual Love Rocks NYC concert benefiting God's Love. Presented by Greg Williamson and John Varvatos, Love Rocks NYC is a marquee event that unites new and existing supporters of God's Love and allows people to celebrate their passion for this beloved charity through music – the universal language that speaks to us all. For one amazing night each year, the stage is electrified with world-class talent brought together to support God's Love. Tickets are now available for purchase on Ticketmaster.

SAVE THE DATE:



GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER
Authors in Kind

APRIL 17, 2019
THE METROPOLITAN CLUB, NYC
GLWD.ORG/AUTHORSINKIND

The 16th Annual Authors in Kind will be held on April 17. Hosted by Board Member Linda Fairstein, Authors in Kind features a book signing reception with noted writers, followed by a fun and informative luncheon during which the authors speak about their recent work. This year's event will feature chef and actor David Burtka, presidential historian Michael Beschloss, and a fiction writer to be announced soon. For more information on purchasing tickets or tables, please call 212.294.8162 or visit glwd.org/authorsinkind.

SAVE THE DATE:



GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER
Midsummer Night Drinks

JUNE 2019
LOCATION TBD
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of turkey



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of pumpkin



1,505 lbs

of carrots



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of soup



6,550

apple crisps

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