

Thanksgiving Community Dinner Report

The Thanksgiving community dinner, held on Thanksgiving day for 2015, was a hit. Thanks to the church offerings in prior weeks leading up to the event, we were able to fund the entire dinner without any out of pocket expense. There were also two hams and three turkeys donated to cover the meat needed for the meal, thanks to John Barbour and Joanne and Marshall Graham.

We had a great number of volunteers who helped with, not only the day of the event, but also the day of prep prior to the event. The event could not have happened without the help of the wonderful people who volunteered. Many have offered to continue to volunteer each year if we continue to host the Thanksgiving community dinner.

Although we had anticipated more, we still had about 85 people who came to eat, on top of feeding the volunteers. Overall, we fed about 100 people.

In my opinion, in order to have a better turn out in future years, we will need to advertise at least 2 months prior to the date of the event. We can also have a signup sheet posted for volunteers for prep day before and day of the event, at least 4 weeks in advance. I would love to be able to mail out invitations to the community, especially to group houses or shelters, to formally invite them in addition to the advertizing that was already planned. If we do a little more preparation months before the event, I feel that we will have a much bigger turnout this year.