

G.L.O.W.S THANKSGIVING STORIES - 2011

The gentleman we delivered our meal to was 90 years old and living independently in his own trailer. He was very proud to say that even at his age, he had just bought a new house. He was so very thankful for the Thanksgiving meal and goodies. We talked awhile and then he asked us if we could use a wig he had from his wife, who passed on. With the wig in hand we wished him a blessed Thanksgiving day!

The M Family

My son, Craig and I delivered two dinners our Thanksgiving day to Ed and to Donald, on Las Palms Entrada. Each man was thankful. We felt very good just being able to help them. We were thankful to be able to deliver the food.

P.S.- we really really enjoyed Fr. Pats sermon at Thanksgiving mass! - Vera

Our lady only spoke Spanish and we are only English speaking. We could tell she wanted conversation. Suggestion: ask volunteers if they are Bi Lingual and add a spot on reservation form for Language preference.

We did offer hugs and good wishes! Disappointing for us and her. – Dave & Lucy

Janice had a note by her door saying she was sleeping and to leave her meal by the door.

-Gary & Jaime

Everything went well with my delivery. My family felt good because the lady we met didn't even remember that she had requested a meal. She was so pleased to see it because she was ready to have some cold cereal.

I just have one request for next year. Whoever took down the request should PRINT the information. I had a hard time reading the name of the person and the complex name.

It was a great experience for my whole family again. We will certainly do it next Thanksgiving.

Rosie

After an enjoyable breakfast and an inspiring mass, I picked up my package and drove to Boulder City. Once I found the residence and rang the door bell I was greeted by a small white haired lady who seemed alarmed to find a 6' tall 200 lb man with a full beard and long ponytail on her porch. I smiled, said Happy Thanksgiving, told her my name and that I was from St. Thomas More Catholic Church, and I am here to deliver a warm Thanksgiving Dinner. A big smile grew on her face and she said, "Oh, my". She had no idea that anyone was bringing her food. She was very thankful as she told me that she hadn't expected to see or talk to anyone today and she had no dinner plan. She didn't ask me in, but stood guardedly behind a half closed door. She accepted dinner thankfully and said, "Happy Thanksgiving and may God bless you". I drove home with a smile on my face.

TF

After a short drive, we delivered our meal to a sweet and beautiful lady in an assisted living facility. She came out to great us in the hallway and chatted for a few minutes in her home, sharing the current score of the Packers and Lions game. She was so Thankful for the meal and delivery to her. With a hug and a sincere blessing, we were on our way.

P.S. - She is looking for a new church and needs transportation.

- The M Family

Our two meals were delivered to a nice lady who graciously received this bounty, thanked us in her bath robe and gently closed the door. It was a short visit but still well- received.

- M Family

We delivered two meals to MT at the Portofino seniors Complex. We spent about 20 minutes talking with her and learned she danced and sang in her younger years with Bob Hope, John Wayne, Lou Castello & etc. While there, I tried to play a DVD she had of one of her shows but the DVD player wasn't working - unfortunately. I told her she should get copies made and give them to your grandchildren & etc. I hope I get to deliver meals to her next year!

TM

Inaccurate directions. Address was correct, but google maps and directions were created without specific east or west causing the map to take us to the wrong location. When we found the right location, the woman was thrilled to see us and was very thankful for the meal and all that the church was doing.

Dave & Tim

Map was completely wrong. Location was at Tropicana & Reno on North side (by the airport) had to call to get directions. The lady was very pleasant and enjoyed our visit. Pat

We met Ruben and his girlfriend and we were invited to come in. They have two Chihuahuas. We spoke for an hour and a half. We discovered Ruben and his girlfriend are from California. They would like to come to the church more often, but they don't have a car. They both enjoyed playing with our children and shared candies and a gift. We discovered that Ruben had lost his Social Security and food stamps and appeared to have financial needs. They were very gracious and hospitable. Ironically, they only signed up for 1 meal. We loved the opportunity to deliver the food and share time with this family. Please pray for Ruben and his girlfriend's daughters and sons, be in contact with them during the holidays.

Note: On the information from Ruben, the telephone number is wrong. The last digit should be 8, not 5. D Family

This was my first year to volunteer for an act of charity for Thanksgiving! Didn't know what to expect and was a bit nervous. Yet the experience was good for me and the recipients were gracious and humble. Next year the family of mine want to volunteer individually to take food. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to do this. God bless! -L Family

Our Thanksgiving day was started with a beautiful breakfast and the holy mass. We had a chance to make new friends from our parish. After the mass we picked up one meal and headed to Mrs. Louise's residence.

Our trip took about 10-15 minutes. It took about five minutes to locate Mrs. Louise's apartment but we found it. We knocked for a while but Louise's son answered the door. Her son James told us her mother is out we left the food with him and wished him a Happy Thanksgiving. -MS & MM

Woman was very grateful. Other meals had already been delivered to her location. Apartment complex was poorly marked- difficult to access. Emilee & Sue

Our Thanksgiving Day meal delivery was pleasantly received. The recipient and her daughter welcomed my wife and I into their apartment. But our visit was brief, our recipient and her daughter seemed to favor more private holiday experience, and that was fine. As for us, we found the experience, our first for STM, rewarding and we look forward to volunteering again next year.

L Family

Evelyn's daughter, Kathy, was with her when I arrive. They were cordial, but I got the impression that they did not expect me to stay long. After five minutes I left.

George

Hi, My daughter and I went to the complex to deliver her meal. The neighbor lady adjacent to her answered her door to tell us that Betty stepped out for a bit, and she would take her dinner for her. It was a good feeling to do something good for another on Thanksgiving Day.

-DR & MW

We were very excited to go and share a meal. We hoped our person would be nice. Arthur was our mans name and he was very nice. We would like to have him again next year. He was very happy and seemed very appreciative . It made me feel good to bring a little bit of happiness to Arthur. Great experience for my daughters and I!

G Family

We delivered the meal to Jean. It was a wonderful experience for our family! Jean was very appreciative of the meal and conversation. We are from Iowa and visiting Vegas often. We hope to continue our new friendship with our new friend Jean ☺. She celebrated her 80th birthday today - 11/26/11.

MO

We were out to deliver four meals for Thanksgiving. One of them was not at home, so we gave it to someone else. It was a great experience for us. It just took a couple hours to make some people very happy. We called each person before getting to their home and especially one of them caught our attention because she sounded really lonely. We also got her some flowers and she got so happy! I am planning to call her again and try to keep in touch with her. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to give some happiness to these people. Looking forward for next time.

R Family

Stupid me....had to deliver two meals to Henderson East of Boulder Highway. Run all the way down there without calling. No one home. Stupid me... By the way, I did give them the benefit of the doubt. I thought maybe they had to leave for a few minutes or whatever. Did leave the food at the door. Hope it didn't spoil I had another delivery also to a Doris up by Russell Road. I did call her. She lives in a senior apartment complex. She was nice and met me in the parking lot as it is confusing place to find. She was much appreciative. FQ

Not sure if you're still taking these but I wanted to share our story. We arrived to deliver the Thanksgiving meal and when we knocked on the door, the lady yelled that she was in the shower!!! So we sat and waited for about 15 minutes, then tried again. This time, she answered the door in her towel and we delivered the meal and all had a great laugh about catching her in the shower. The best part was, as we were leaving, there were 3 other St. Thomas More families delivering meals and it gave our family a nice warm feeling to have that brief "Happy Thanksgiving STM people" moment in the parking lot!

Thank you. Always praying and standing between OUR promise and HIS miracle. TA

I found the address easy from the directions. It was an indoor apartment complex and I accidentally called the wrong person to open the front doors. Someone who worked there let me in and I found the apartment. He opened the door, took the meal and thanked me. We wished each other Happy Thanksgiving and he closed the door. JB

My granddaughter Ashley and I delivered meals to 2 very grateful seniors, however, it was a real challenge. I'm sure you've received several comments on delivering to Vintage Apartments in 7 Hills. The security is intense, and because it was a Holiday, the office was closed. We were lucky. One lady we had to deliver to was outside in the back talking to a neighbor! Another delivery was possible because a lady was leaving the building we needed to get into to make a delivery. God is good!! I noticed on the application form that there is a place to put "gate code". Maybe someone can contact that particular facility to get the door code to each building.

Blessings to all the volunteers that made delivering these meals possible to some very grateful shut-ins. A proud parishioner of STM. MJ

It was a cold, dark night... Oh, that's not it. Actually, Las Vegas was experiencing the nicest Thanksgiving weather in the whole United States from what I saw on the news! Showed up at the community center at St. Thomas More about 8:00 a.m. (had to walk the dog first). Long lines everywhere for everything. Oh well, that's why you come early. Stood next to, and introduced myself to Franci. Turns out we both love horses and had great horse stories. Franci was in this long line to get a second delivery package! Well, we talked and talked, which made the time fly. Franci sat down with me although she had already eaten, to carry on our beloved conversation. She came through the breakfast line, not a lull in the story, then to the coffee line. I talked her into stayin at least to finish her coffee. Well, we exchanged names, stories, numbers and our hopes and desires, it seemed, in about ½ hour! We even have the same haircuts! Father Bob came by to say hello. A two year old, sat on my lap and drew pictures. We finished up and parted ways! My delivery: All I had to do was drop off the still warm meal on Linda's table outside her room! I think she didn't want to miss Santa Claus coming down Broadway! Happy Thanksgiving.

BK

Cora was alone, wheelchair bound and very happy to see us. She was a very sweet, sharp, 90 year old who was originally from California. She definitely was up for a visit and we enjoyed the 15-20 minutes we stayed. We learned a lot about her family and that she does puzzles to pass the time. It was a wonderful time for us!

MG

We showed up at the address (after calling to confirm) and he had moved (did notify Meals on Wheels, but they evidently didn't tell STMCC). Called him again, got the right address. Went there. He met us at the door and did not invite us in – was in a rush to get the food. Later he called me 2 times to inquire about helping a friend. I referred him to Catholic Charities.

The N Family

I called Mr. W. from the corner gas station to let him know I was on the way with his Thanksgiving meal. He said he didn't need it and to give it to someone else. I asked if he was spending the day with family or friends and he replied that he was alone and would be alone all day. I told him the meal was already prepared and that he could save it for later. He insisted he didn't want it, but he was grateful for the thought and the gesture. I returned to the church and spoke with Father Pat and the project organizers. They suggested I take the meal for myself.

JH

CARDS OF THANKS FROM THE MEAL RECIPIENTS:

To all clergy & parishioners of St. Thomas More: I want to thank you all for the delicious Thanksgiving Dinner. It was super. Made my day bright.

God Bless you all, Charlotte R.

Priests & Staff, Thanksgiving Day a beautiful family (Father, Mother & their 2 lovely daughters) from St. Thomas More Catholic Community paid me a lovely visit & to my surprise they brought me a Thanksgiving Dinner & a beautiful poinsettia plant. Boy did they make my Day. I was so happy. I'm 87 forgetful at times & hard of hearing, but Nov 24th, 2011 is one day I will always remember.

Many thanks--- & God Bless you all, Elizabeth J.

Thank you so much for the lovely dinner & "goodies". The beautiful family that delivered them were an additional joy – so wonderful.

Billie F.

Thank you for the delicious Thanksgiving Dinner that my new found friends (Mary, Melissa, Rick and Travis) delivered to me yesterday. May God bless your church this holiday season and always for your generosity of time and means.

All my love, Delores

Thank you for that great meal. I am very grateful and appreciate it very much. Thanks to all who made this possible and to the deliverers who were very polite. I really enjoyed it. Please excuse the writing – I have a splint on my hand because of a very bad break. Thanks again. Gratefully, Shirley C. God Bless All- May you have a Happy Holiday & Happy New Year

Thank you, Farther Render: Your parishioners just brought me the most delightful Thanksgiving Day dinner: good food and a great visit of their company. What a delightful group – they made me feel like their family instantly. I really appreciate all that you have done for us.

Sincerely, Everette B.

P.S. The best part of the meal was the love.