

CLICK ON THE TURKEY



**TO VOLUNTEER FOR
SHERIFF GUSMAN'S
THANKSGIVING DAY FEAST**

This year, we are asking volunteers to **deliver** food on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 25, 2021). You can volunteer to help out by signing up to deliver packaged Thanksgiving Day dinners!

You'll pick up plates at the OPSO Kitchen and deliver them to Meals on Wheels recipients and to seniors. The OPSO Kitchen will prepare a full Thanksgiving feast fresh the morning of the holiday. Sheriff Gusman is pleased to announce that Chef Edgar "Dooky" Chase IV, world renowned Cordon Bleu chef, will providing recipes for the feast!

How to volunteer:

- Sign up on the web form to deliver prepackaged Thanksgiving dinners.
- A few days before Thanksgiving, you will receive a list of several addresses to deliver food to on Thanksgiving Day.
- You will be asked to follow some Covid-19 prevention measures.
- On Thanksgiving Day, you will pick up your meals at 3000 Perdido Street and deliver them at a set pick up time between 9:00 and 11:00 am. Your pick up time will be emailed to you.

You do not have to leave your car for the pick up. We will hand you the food for delivery or load it for you.

-IMPORTANT:

If you cannot make your delivery time, please call us **IMMEDIATELY** so that we can find an alternate delivery person. (Call Anne McKinley, Volunteer Coordinator: 504-202-9268 or mckinleya@opso.us.)

This line will not be staffed on Thanksgiving Day, so please call us as soon as you can if you will not be able to make your pick up time.

Volunteer Communications

This year, [all communication will take place by email.](#)

We will not sell your email, or use it for commercial purposes, and will keep the information protected.

It is very important for you to provide an email address that you check on a regular basis, so that:



You can receive information on where to pick up your assignments.



You can receive your service hours.



You can communicate with us about the event.



We can send you information on the televised concert, featuring Ms. Irma Thomas. We hope you can join us!

You can email Anne McKinley, Volunteer Coordinator, at mckinleya@opso.us.

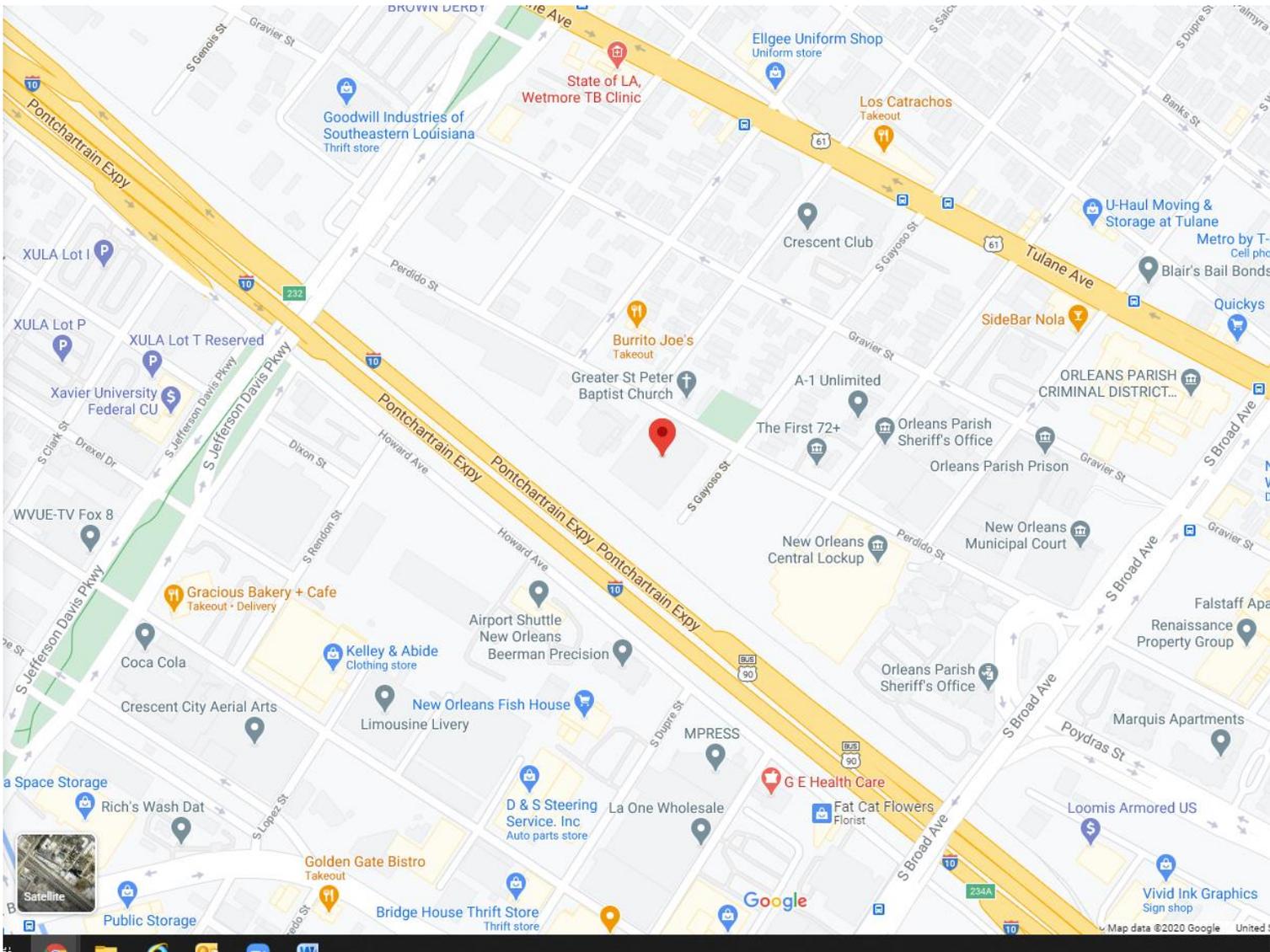
Where to go:

On Thanksgiving morning, join us at the OPSO Kitchen, located at

3000 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70119.

You can find a map here:

<https://goo.gl/maps/7bLyzYS7KfmcMtm09>



When you arrive to pick up your food to deliver, please:



_____ We are asking you to create a placard to help speed pick up. Place the placard from our email on your passenger-side dashboard, showing your last name and the number of meals you need. Directions below!



_____ Enter Perdido Street at S. Norman C. Francis Pkway and Tulane Ave., at the Goodwill Industries corner. As you turn the corner of Norman C. Francis Pkway, the OPSO Kitchen will be ahead of you on your right. It has an orange sign. We will be waiting at the sidewalk for you!



_____ Follow the signs and the officer directions to the pick up location.



_____ You will be picking up from the curb and will not be exiting your car. We will hand you the packaged food for delivery.



_____ Please exit the area by driving forward and using South White Street, or move to the end of Perdido Street. For the safety of those in the street and other vehicles, we will keep traffic moving one-way.



_____ We will have uniformed officers along the route. If you need information, please ask an officer or an OPSO employee.



On your way to deliver meals, please telephone your meal recipient to let them know you are on the way. If you arrive and are unable to connect with your meal recipient, please keep calling and knock very loudly on the door, stating that you are delivering a Thanksgiving meal.

SAMPLE PLACARD:

Place your placard in the front passenger-side dashboard of your card. Use a standard 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of paper and use large letters. On the paper, list the following:

First letter of your last name.

Your full name, last name first.

Number of meals you are picking up.

A sample would look like this:

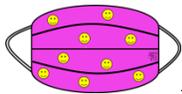
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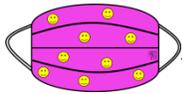
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Covid-19 Safety Measures

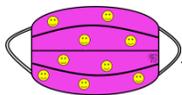
Most of the people who will receive a meal are within a high risk group for Covid-19. We are asking you to take basic precautions to ensure a safe delivery, ensuring a Happy Thanksgiving for everyone!



All volunteers must wear a mask at all times. You will not receive your delivery assignment or food to deliver if you are not wearing a mask.



When delivering the food, please wear your mask and maintain a distance of 6 feet or more from participants.



Where possible, please leave the food on an elevated surface and step away to a distance of six feet. Wait for the recipient at a safe distance. Stay until the food is picked up.

We hope that you will also enjoy a conversation (masked and safely distanced!) with your recipients! It's important to connect and visit with folks who may not receive many visitors.

Service Hours:



All service hours letters will be **EMAILED** this year. It is very important to complete the email address option in the online registration if you need service hours. **ALL VOLUNTEERS** will receive a letter.



You will receive your service hours letter via email during the first week of December. If you need a physical copy, contact Anne McKinley at mckinleya@opso.us.



All volunteers will receive four service hours.



On behalf of Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman and Staff, we thank you for making this Thanksgiving a great one!

A BIG THANK YOU for all you do!

Because of you, thousands of seniors and others who are food insecure will have a Happy Thanksgiving.

We hope that you will join us for our televised Thanksgiving Concert.

From Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman and the OPSO Family, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.



Happy Thanksgiving

Covid-19 and Food Safety Precautions

Please enjoy your meal, and we hope that you are tuned into Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman's Thanksgiving Day concert!

We took every precaution to keep your meal safe, and we wanted to share some food safety tips. You can find more information on food safety on the Center for Disease Control's "Food Safety" resource center, at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).



Make sure that you heat your food to proper temperatures before eating.



If you do not plan to eat the food immediately, let it cool, then put it in the refrigerator.



Any surface that you have placed your meal packaging on should be disinfected. After you dispose of your food packaging, wash your hands well.