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Caring Community Basket Brigade
Thanksgiving Dinners

November 2, 2026

People Helping People is what our Caring Community Basket Brigade is all about. In 2016 this initiative started with a group of Y volunteers and community individuals talking about the impact of helping those in need on Thanksgiving.

Thanks to the generous donations of many who made our first two years a success, we can grow this incredible program to serve more families. This year the Capital District YMCA has teamed up with our friends at HMA Contracting, Hamel Real Estate, St. Edwards Church, Community Bank, Honest Weight Food Coop, and many more to feed up to 1500 families across the Capital District this Thanksgiving holiday.

The estimated cost to fill a complete basket with all the fixings and a turkey is $50.00. The number of families we can feed depends on the number of donations we receive. We are currently accepting monetary donations to purchase the turkeys and other necessary items to complete a basket. Your cash or check donation can be made at the YMCA locations listed below. All checks should be made out to the **Capital District YMCA – Greenbush Brach** or, you may also go to http://cdymca.org/basket-brigade/ to donate online.

Please see the attached flyer for additional information, including food donation sites. Donations and financial support are welcomed throughout the season as we continue working to cover the cost of meals provided to families in our community.

With the help of friends like you this campaign can reach over 1500 families across the Capital Region.

Sincerely,

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