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MANNA PREPARES FOR LARGEST THANKSGIVING DAY DISTRIBUTION TO DATE FOR CRITICALLY ILL NEIGHBORS IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA

Philadelphia, PA - (November 20, 2017) The Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (MANNA) kitchen is buzzing this week in preparation for the organization's largest Thanksgiving Day meal distribution ever and the first in MANNA's new state of the art facility at 420 N. 20th Street. On Thursday, November 23, MANNA will deliver over 3300 Thanksgiving meals to MANNA clients and their families.

"Serving our clients a hot Thanksgiving meal is an incredible tradition here at MANNA and I'm overjoyed to continue it in our new facility," said MANNA CEO Sue Daugherty. "It's the most extraordinary day of the year in the MANNA kitchen, and it is an incredible feeling to know that these meals are prepared with so much love by our volunteers and staff and that we are able to make it a special holiday for our clients."

Over 1,000 volunteers participate in Thanksgiving meal preparation in the MANNA kitchen, including over 500 volunteers on Thanksgiving Day who spend their holiday cooking, packaging, and delivering hot Thanksgiving meals to MANNA clients.

MANNA's Thanksgiving Day is generously sponsored by PECO. "PECO celebrates volunteerism and the spirit of giving through organizations like MANNA, and are proud to partner with MANNA for the fifth consecutive year for Thanksgiving," said Liz Murphy, PECO senior vice president. "We are committed to the well-being of the communities we serve, and preparing meals for families in need is just one example of how the company is giving back to our customers this holiday season."

On Thanksgiving morning, MANNA will be joined by Mayor Jim Kenny, Congressman Dwight Evans, and other local dignitaries who will lend a hand in the kitchen.

For more information on MANNA's Thanksgiving Day, contact Laura Payne at LPayne@mannapa.org or call 215-496-2662 x 115. Check out the event's website here www.mannapies.org.

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ABOUT MANNA

MANNA prepares and delivers delicious nourishing meals and counsel, empowering individuals to battle illness and improve their quality of life. A small professional staff and 4,500 dedicated volunteers bring more than 95,000 nutritious, home-delivered meals each month to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. MANNA dietitians promote wellness through nutrition education and counseling. Through these services, MANNA provides opportunities for caring people to extend loving support to families, friends, and neighbors.

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