

Welcome and thank you for being a table host during our Great Thanksgiving Banquet!
Thank you for volunteering to make this night a blessing for so many people.

Please plan to arrive at Devos Fieldhouse at 4:30 pm.
Doors open to the guests at 5:30 pm.
Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and concludes at 7:00 pm.

Name tags: First names, only, please! If you need additional name tags, please come to the volunteer information table.

Volunteer Information Table: This table is located by the check-in tables. If you have any questions or need anything, please see this table.

Cell Phone: Please turn off and refrain from using. The focus is on our guests, so have fun and be friendly. Keep the conversation flowing as a good host would do.

Host Seating: You are encouraged to sit and eat with your guests. You may be asked to give up your chair if additional guest seating is needed.

Guest Seating: To aid the Ushers as guests arrive, please hold up the correct number of fingers to indicate the number of seats you have available.

Envelopes: You will be provided with an envelope with everything you need for the night. Envelopes are reused. Please, do not write on them.

Spanish-speaking tables: To aid the ushers when seating our Spanish-speaking guests, please hold up the “Yo hablo Espanol” sign if you speak Spanish.

Beverage Service: Servers will be around to offer lemonade or coffee. Check often to see if your guests need refills. Please do not get up to refill your own drinks.

Food Service: After the prayer, servers will bring plated food to your table. Please do not get up to serve yourselves. An announcement will be made if “seconds” are available. We do not have “take-out” boxes for the guests’ leftovers.

Care Box Giveaway: Once your guests are seated:

- Give each family ONE registration form and have them fill out their address.
- Collect the completed forms and sort through the addresses. One care box will be given to each house address, NOT one per family living at that address. If a household has 10 or more people living at that address, you can ask if they would like 2 boxes. Those living at the Mission (166 S. River or 356 Fairbanks) do not receive a box as all their needs are being met.

- Please take the completed Care Box registration forms to the Volunteer Information Table and trade them for an equal number of color-coded coupons.
- **KEEP** the color-coded coupons until guests are dismissed at the end of the evening. *There will be no early giveaways.* Distribute the coupons to one family member who will go to the color-coded station to collect the box.
- If guests at your table ask if care boxes can be dropped off, and it appears that they are physically unable to carry their box (elderly/disabled), still have them complete the care box registration form and make sure they get a coupon. When submitting the coupon, they can let the care box distributors know their need.

Conversation Starters:

- How long have you lived in Holland? Where did you grow up?
- What do you like about (insert town they live in)?
- Where do you go to church? (Don't be afraid to share your faith and invite them to your church if they don't already have one.)
- If there are children at your table, talk to them. How old are you? What grade are you in?
- What do they like to do, what interests them?
- Talk about their family and yours.
- Are you going to do something special for Thanksgiving tomorrow? What is your favorite food item on Thanksgiving?
- Do you have Christmas or Thanksgiving traditions?
- What are you especially grateful for?
- How can I pray for you?

Children's Activities: Please see the volunteer information table for coloring/activity pages if you have children seated with you.

End of the evening:

- Say goodbye to the guests at your table. Feel free to exchange phone numbers if you want to stay in touch.
- Please **DO NOT** give the table host envelope/supplies, or any décor away.
- Gather all papers, pens, markers, extra name tags, etc., and place them in the Table Host envelope. Place envelopes, and leftover supplies on the table for volunteers to collect.
- If you can stay to help with clean-up, you can bring leftover supplies to the center buffet tables and begin stacking chairs.

Thank you so much for spending time with our guests at the Great Thanksgiving Banquet. We pray you have been blessed even as you've blessed others. Happy Thanksgiving!