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### **Turkey Giveaway Event Met with Appreciation from the Community**

Tacoma, Wash. – The Tacoma Police Department and the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance are joining hands with local businesses to offer FREE turkeys to families in the Tacoma area. The distribution will take place at four locations over three different days in November. All locations will operate on a drive-thru basis, except for the Salishan location, which will provide both drive-thru and walk-up services. The turkeys will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of one (1) turkey per family.

The first event was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. During that event, in ninety-minute's time, volunteers provided almost six-hundred frozen turkeys, and two-hundred bags containing side dishes to community members who attended the event.

The second event will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at two, separate locations. The Eastside Community Center, located at 1721 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street, will have drive-thru-only service from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The Tacoma Housing Authority Center in Salishan, located at 1724 East 44<sup>th</sup> Street, will have drive-thru and walk-up service from noon until 2:00 p.m.

The third event will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023, at the People's Community Center, located at 1602 Martin Luther King Jr. Way from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Service will be drive-thru only.

The event was positively received by the members of the community. Appreciation by recipients was extended to all who volunteered. However, the need is still high for many families in the community. We welcome additional turkey and non-perishable, side dish donations from area businesses and organizations for these events in order to help as many families we can during this holiday season.

Community Engagement Manager Bervin Smith is the point of contact for these events. He can be contacted at the email address: [bsmith7@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:bsmith7@cityoftacoma.org)

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