



**PRESS RELEASE**

Local News

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**Hope Ministries serves, delivers free Thanksgiving meal – food donations welcome**

DES MOINES—This Thanksgiving Day, Hope Ministries will both serve and deliver meals to homeless, near-homeless and low-income individuals and families in Des Moines.

Members of the community are invited to Hope Café, connected to Hope Ministries' Bethel Mission at 1310 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, for the Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 26. The meal will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Hope Ministries will also deliver meals to the elderly, home-bound and low-income families. Meals for in-home delivery can be reserved by calling (515) 265-7272 until 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 25.

“We look forward to offering a good meal and encouragement this Thanksgiving Day,” said Leon Negen, president/CEO of Hope Ministries.

Hope Ministries also invites members of the public to donate food items for the holiday meal. Food donations can be dropped off at Hope Ministries' Bethel Mission on Wednesday, November 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For a list of needed food items, call (515) 265-7272 or visit [www.hopeiowa.org](http://www.hopeiowa.org).

“We are so thankful for the efforts of our faithful volunteers and the many donations of food that will help us reach out to our struggling neighbors this Thanksgiving,” said Negen.

*Hope Ministries is a privately funded organization providing food, clothing, shelter and recovery services to homeless and hungry men, women and children in Des Moines and throughout Iowa since 1915. To learn more, visit [www.hopeiowa.org](http://www.hopeiowa.org).*

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NOTE: Please run no later than Monday, November 23.