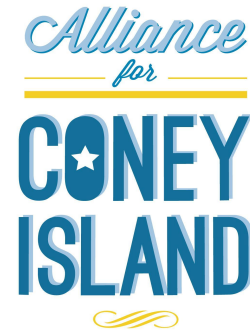


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For Immediate Release:

Coney Island Businesses Come Together to Distribute Over 1,000 Free Thanksgiving Meals To-Go
Meals will be prepared and donated by area businesses and nonprofits

Coney Island, November 8, 2021 – On Wednesday, November 24th, the Coney Island Gospel Assembly will once again partner with local community non-profit group, the Alliance for Coney Island, and area businesses Gargiulo's Restaurant, La Tombola Restaurant and Luna Park in Coney Island to host their annual community Thanksgiving meal distribution. Through the generous donations from local businesses and supporters including Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Councilmember Mark Treyger, State Senator Diane Savino, the Amazin' Mets Foundation, A&J Produce, Brooklyn Cyclones, Coney Island Starbucks, Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park, Gargiulo's Restaurant, iStar, Kings Highway Bakery, La Tombola Restaurant, Liberty Coca-Cola, Luna Park in Coney Island, PCS Security and the Rotary Club of Verrazano, the Gospel Assembly will be able to continue their long-served tradition of offering a free Thanksgiving meal to those in need from the community.

With the generous donation of 100 turkeys from the Amazin' Mets Foundation, a philanthropic arm of the New York Mets and the help of nearly three dozen volunteers, over 1,000 ready-made Thanksgiving meals to-go consisting of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, fresh fruit, beverages, and dessert will be distributed from **La Tombola Restaurant (2102 Boardwalk West)**, located on the **Boardwalk at West 21st Street** from 12 PM to 3:00 PM.

"It is an honor to continue our tradition of over 60 years of serving Coney Island's neediest and continue these partnerships. The pandemic has made this event even more important and we are glad to partner with many stakeholders to bring Coney Islanders a hot homemade meal for the holiday," said **Pr. Constance Hulla of the Coney Island Gospel Assembly**.

"I am so happy that we are once again partnering with Coney Island Gospel Assembly and so many of our local businesses and partners to host this Thanksgiving meal. Feeding those who need a meal for Thanksgiving is a tradition I am honored that we can be a part of and support with Coney Island Gospel Assembly. We encourage anyone who might need a meal to attend and grab a delicious Thanksgiving meal cooked by La Tombola," said **Alexandra Silversmith, Executive Director of the Alliance for Coney Island**.

"Thanksgiving has always been a special day for me and my family! The Coney Island Gospel Assembly has taught us how to share all our gifts and extend them to our neighbors. We thank Pastor Connie and all of our partners in Coney Island for helping make this event possible." said **Nino Russo, Co-Owner of Gargiulo's Restaurant and La Tombola Restaurant**.

“We are proud to continue our commitment to supporting our community by providing Thanksgiving meals,” **said Alessandro Zamperla, President and CEO of Central Amusement International Inc.** “We are thankful that we can give back in this annual tradition that brings local organizations together in such an impactful way to help our neighbors celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.”

In addition to curbside pick-up, Coney Island Gospel Assembly will also deliver family portioned meals to anyone living in the 11224 zip code that is homebound or without transportation. All food is on a first-come basis and attendees are encouraged to arrive early.

Alliance for Coney Island

The not-for-profit Alliance for Coney Island, Inc. is a private-public partnership dedicated to continuing the year-round revitalization of Coney Island. The Alliance represents local businesses, nonprofits, and the community, with support from the New York City Council, the Brooklyn Borough President, and New York City Economic Development Corporation. More info at www.AllianceforConeyIsland.org.



THE CONEY ISLAND GOSPEL ASSEMBLY INVITES ALL TO A FREE COMMUNITY *Thanksgiving* DINNER

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

LA TOMBOLA RESTAURANT
2102 Riegelmann Boardwalk
(entrance at the corner of West 21st Street)
12 PM - 3 PM

All meals will be served to-go

*Face masks are mandatory



Enjoy a delicious Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings!
Provided through generous donations of local businesses and
organizations.

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