

American Legion, Brother Francis, others Serving Free Thanksgiving Dinners

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Not

everyone is fortunate enough to have a Norman Rockwell-type Thanksgiving. Some are shut-ins, some might be new here, and there are others who just can't afford turkey and all the trimmings. For all these people and others in similar situations, there are a handful of organizations providing a hearty meal tomorrow.

Helen

Hartman is the club manager at the American Legion, where they've been serving Thanksgiving Day dinner to the public for decades:

-- (Thanksgiving 1 21 sec "It's something we've ... to their homes.")

Laurie

Murdock, the executive assistant at the Kodiak Senior Center, says the practice has been going on for years:

-- (Thanksgiving 2 38 sec "The
Senior Center is closed ... getting you a meal.")

Hartman
says the chef at the Legion will be cooking at least a dozen turkeys as well as
four or five hams:

-- (Thanksgiving 3 14 sec "We
serve up to 200 ... all the trimmings.")

Dinner is
from 3 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion.

Later in
the day, according to Executive Director Monte Hawver, the Brother Francis
Shelter will be serving a hot meal to its clients and anyone else interested in
attending:

-- (Thanksgiving 4 36 sec "Again
this year ... for providing that.")

Hawver said
the Officer Spouses Association provides meals regularly to the Brother Francis
Shelter, not just during the holidays.

A spokesperson
at the local food bank, operated by the Kodiak Baptist Mission, said there will
not be any specially-prepared Thanksgiving food boxes this year. The food bank
usually partners with other community organizations to put together special
boxes, but none stepped forward in time.

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