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Dieynaba Hanne has a special reason to celebrate this Thanksgiving.
She's recently moved from a shelter to a Staten Island apartment with her two sons, 7 and 3, and daughter, 2. Now the family can celebrate Thanksgiving with a bountiful meal, thanks to an initiative from online grocery store FreshDirect and poverty-fighting nonprofit group Robin Hood, using customer donations to provide a complete holiday meal for families in need. For a $50 tax-deductible donation (at FreshDirect.com/RobinHood), a food package to feed eight people is delivered to a needy family.

Hanne moved to New York 13 years ago from Senegal, and says she's been "really struggling" as a single mom since her husband left three years ago. She's unable to work because she has to go to frequent therapy sessions with her daughter, who is deaf and also has hip problems.

"We always celebrate Thanksgiving, even if it's with a tiny chicken," Hanne says. "Everything is so expensive now. I get food stamps, but I know that they won't go for holiday extras."

Next week, her family will enjoy a 12- to 14-pound turkey, stuffing, potatoes, corn, green beans, gravy, yams, rice, kidney beans, cornbread mix, cranberry and apple juice, cranberry sauce, and mixes for two cakes.

She might put some Senegalese flavors into her meal, like serving the turkey with couscous on the side. Putting it all together will be a family affair, Hanne says: "The kids like everything about the meal. They like to help with the cooking, and then they enjoy eating it."

It's a lot of food for $50 (all the money goes straight to food and distribution costs, none for administrative expenses). That's because FreshDirect was able to use its purchasing power to get wholesale prices on the meal, and some vendors gave free or discounted goods.

Customers have also been generous. "In past years, we've had people round up $2 or $5 as a gift on their usual order prices, and this year it's a more sizable donation," says Jim Moore, senior vice president of business affairs at FreshDirect. "But we've seen a very positive response from our customers and some large donations from corporate customers."

Robin Hood has selected 65 of its partners -- including soup kitchens, food pantries, schools, day care centers and job training programs -- across all five boroughs to deliver the holiday food packages to their clients. This week, 879 meals have gone out, notes Ken Small, development director at community services group BronxWorks. At an average of 45 pounds per package, that equals nearly 20 tons of food sent to seniors, families shelters, families at risk for eviction, households affected by HIV/AIDS, and parents with preschool children.

As of earlier this week, donations had been raised to feed 53,000 people, noted Mark Bezos, senior vice president of development and communications for Robin Hood. The goal is to reach 120,000 before Christmas.

Five of those beneficiaries are Candida Cortes, her husband, Alejandrino Salvador, and their three daughters, ages 18 months, 4 and 6. They moved to East Harlem almost a decade ago from Guerrero, Mexico, and Salvador has steady work in a laundromat, but it doesn't pay enough for a family of five to live well in New York City.

The Association to Benefit Children (ABC) in East Harlem helped them to get food stamps and is the Robin Hood partner that will deliver the FreshDirect meal next week.

"The kids are so happy to see a turkey in the middle of the table at Thanksgiving; that's their favorite part," says Cortes, 24. "Sometimes they ask, 'How come this is the only day we eat this?'"

Cortes, who loves to cook, will recruit her husband for turkey-cooking duty. She says that a meal like this is "so helpful because sometimes at the holidays you don't have money to spend on a big grocery bill. This helps my family to have a great Thanksgiving. This is a blessing. It's a great help for families like mine. It goes a long way, believe me."

Overall giving is down this year, says Robin Hood's Bezos, while more people are losing jobs that used to feed their families.

"We've seen and heard that there's been a 30% increase in people who rely on emergency food services this year," Bezos explains. "In the last 12 months, 1.3 million different New Yorkers have been to a soup kitchen or food pantry.

"It's not the stereotype you think of at soup kitchens -- there are mothers with small children, and people working one, two, even three jobs but having to pay the rent with those wages," he says. "Just $50 can feed a family of eight and really make a difference."