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### **Centerpointe Dining Commons at Cal Poly Pomona Donates Over 130 Thanksgiving Dinner Packages**

The Cal Poly Pomona Foundation and Centerpointe Dining Commons partnered with the Poly Pantry, the on-campus food pantry, and the Basic Needs Initiative within the Division of Student Affairs to provide Thanksgiving dinner packages to Cal Poly Pomona students, faculty and staff experiencing food insecurity. Although Cal Poly Pomona Foundation Dining Services has offered the option to purchase a fully-cooked Thanksgiving Dinner Package in the past, this year, Centerpointe Dining Commons collaborated with the Cal Poly Pomona Basic Needs Initiative to provide the opportunity to gift a complete dinner package to a colleague or donate to a student/employee in need. In addition, the Foundation donated two meal passes to the Poly Pantry for every purchase of a full turkey dinner.

The full turkey dinner was priced at \$84.95 and included a 10-14lb fully cooked oven-roasted turkey, home-style turkey gravy, home-style herb stuffing, mashed potatoes, farm to table harvest vegetables from Spadra Farm and much more. This program allowed the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation to donate over 130 turkey dinners to a Bronco in need this holiday season!

“My family and I really cherished this dinner that we received, for it was not only delicious, but it allowed us to see the positive that has occurred to us during these bleak times. It is hard to appreciate the small things when negativity seems to have engulfed 2020. It has also allowed us the opportunity to think about how we can affect others with small acts of kindness” says one donation receiver.

“This Thanksgiving banquet was such a blessing. It sincerely made our family appreciate everything we have. Not only did it taste delicious, but it brought so much joy to our souls,” says another donation receiver.

The tradition will continue with a Holiday Ham Dinner Package for the upcoming season. The Cal Poly Pomona Foundation expects to donate approximately 294 meal passes to the Poly Pantry and 132 Holiday Pam Packages to Cal Poly Pomona students, faculty and staff experiencing food insecurity.

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