

PRESS RELEASE

UrbanPromise feeds hundreds in Camden this Thanksgiving

UrbanPromise will host five Thanksgiving Dinners throughout the city of Camden, serving more than 400 youth and families.

Camden, NJ November 18, 2009:

Beginning this Friday, November 20 – Tuesday, November 24, UrbanPromise will be hosting a total of five Thanksgiving Dinners for the kids involved in the AfterSchool Programs throughout the city of Camden and their families.

This year UrbanPromise anticipates serving more than 400 guests at the dinners.

A variety of individuals and groups come together each year to make these dinners possible. Churches and other local groups collect food. Volunteers come to help cook, set up and serve. Staff and teens do everything from peeling potatoes to picking up families.

Members from The First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown will be volunteering Saturday to prepare and serve the dinner at the UrbanPromise Headquarters.

The dinners provide a great opportunity for UrbanPromise to deepen relationships with parents, celebrate the kids in the program and serve families.

“I love these Thanksgiving dinners,” says a mother. “It gives me a chance to enjoy a great meal with my family, connect with my neighbors and enjoy the wonderful fellowship of the UrbanPromise staff. I look forward to this celebration every year.”

“Three years ago the UrbanPromise teens and staff began another Thanksgiving tradition,” Dr. Bruce Main, UrbanPromise President, explains. “After each meal the leftover food is boxed up and our teens and staff head out to the streets of Camden and Philadelphia to distribute meals to the homeless.”

To learn more about the work UrbanPromise is doing in Camden, New Jersey visit www.urbanpromiseusa.org

About UrbanPromise

UrbanPromise has one clear mission, to build a city of promise, one child at a time. By equipping Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement and moreover, life management, UrbanPromise has grown from a tiny summer camp program to a multifaceted institution with a reputation of solidarity and success. Among their many programs are private schools for grades k-12, after school programs, summer camps, and various other recreational and educational programs, each targeting different parts of the lives of Camden's youth. Learn more about UrbanPromise at www.urbanpromiseusa.org

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***Interviews with youth and parents available upon request**

UrbanPromise Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration Information

Friday, November 20, 2009 @ 6pm

UrbanPromise North & Downtown Camden AfterSchool Program's
Located at the San Miguel School
836 South 4th Street
Camden, NJ 08103

Saturday, November 21, 2009 @ 6pm

UrbanPromise South Camden AfterSchool Program (4th-8th grade)
UrbanPromise Student Center
3700 Rudderow Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Monday, November 23, 2009 @ 6pm

UrbanPromise East Camden AfterSchool Program (k-3rd grade)
UrbanPromise Student Center
3700 Rudderow Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Tuesday, November 24, 2009 @ 6pm

UrbanPromise East Camden AfterSchool Program (4th-8th grade)
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