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City Controller's Office and Community Partners Host 'Huddle Up for Hunger' to Support Houston Families This Thanksgiving

HOUSTON —The [City of Houston Controller's Office](#) invites Houstonians to "Huddle Up for Hunger: Holiday Giveback," a community-driven event providing Thanksgiving meals and celebrating the spirit of gratitude, generosity, and togetherness for families facing food insecurity.

This year's effort is made possible through collaboration with local partners [Houston Texans YMCA](#), [C.J. Stroud Foundation](#), Ryans Family Foundation, [Trill Burgers](#), [Southwestern National Bank](#), and [Second Servings of Houston](#). Together, these organizations are helping ensure hundreds of families can gather around a holiday table and share in the joy of the season.

"What C.J. and I both believe is that true leadership means using your platform to lift others," said Kim Stroud, President of the C.J. Stroud Foundation. "'Huddle Up for Hunger' is our way of showing God's love in action—serving families, spreading hope, and reminding everyone that they're not alone this holiday season."

The "Huddle Up for Hunger" event takes place **Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Houston Texans YMCA, 5202 Griggs Road, Houston, TX 77021**. Families interested in receiving a Thanksgiving meal are asked to register in advance here: [Registration Link](#). Community members are welcome to participate and connect with neighbors in support of Houston's spirit of unity. Meals will also be delivered to residents of Cuney Homes, a historic public housing development in Third Ward.

"The holidays remind us how important it is to show up for one another," said Houston City Controller Chris Hollins. "Through partnership and neighborly support, we're helping Houston families gather, give thanks, and look ahead with hope."

"Community is built around the table—through shared experiences, compassion, and connection," said Kashala T. Pope, Executive Director of the Houston Texans YMCA. "The Houston Texans YMCA is committed to strengthening spirit, mind, and body for all, and 'Huddle Up for Hunger' reflects that mission in action. When we come together to serve, we not only meet a need—we strengthen the bonds of community and family."

In addition to free turkeys, families will receive Thanksgiving meal essentials such as sides and staples. Volunteers will be on hand to assist and encourage connections among community members, underscoring Houston's commitment to compassion and support for all.

“The holidays invite us to reflect on what truly matters - gathering together, sharing a meal, a smile, and a moment of connection,” said Tenia Harris, Executive Director of the Ryans Family Foundation. “It’s about community, compassion, and gratitude, and we’re honored to play a small part in helping families experience that together.”

ABOUT CITY OF HOUSTON CONTROLLER’S OFFICE: Established in 1903, the City of Houston Controller’s Office is the cornerstone of financial oversight and accountability for America’s fourth-largest city. With a mission to uphold Houston’s fiscal integrity and protect residents’ tax dollars, the office oversees a broad spectrum of the City’s financial operations, including its budget, investments, and debts. Committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility, the Controller’s Office is key to maintaining the economic vitality of Houston, contributing to its status as a thriving metropolis for its diverse community.

ABOUT CONTROLLER CHRIS HOLLINS: Chris Hollins, serving as Houston’s City Controller since January 2024, brings a dynamic approach to City governance and financial management. With a rich background in legal practice and management consulting, coupled with innovative leadership as Harris County Clerk, Hollins is dedicated to enhancing the city’s fiscal practices and community engagement. Educated at Morehouse College, Yale Law School, and Harvard Business School, Hollins’s commitment to accountability and service excellence drives his mission to build a financially resilient Houston. Residing in the Third Ward with his family, his work is deeply informed by his strong community ties.

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