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## NEWS RELEASE

### **TWO-TIME SUPER BOWL CHAMPION MALCOLM JENKINS AND THE MALCOLM JENKINS FOUNDATION PROVIDES HOLIDAY DINNER BASKETS TO 540 FAMILIES IN FOUR DIFFERENT CITIES**

*To combat food insecurity this holiday season in Columbus, OH, Newark, NJ, New Orleans, LA and Philadelphia, PA, Malcolm Jenkins and his Foundation teamed up with local social service organizations and volunteers for its 11th annual Holiday Dinner Basket Surprise*

**December 17, 2021** — This week, 2x Super Bowl Champion, 3x Pro-Bowler and New Orleans Saints Safety Malcolm Jenkins and The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation (TMJF) hosted their 11th annual Holiday Dinner Basket Surprise (HDBS). For the first time ever, TMJF organized its signature community outreach program to impact four different cities on the same day, providing 540 pre-identified families in need with a nutritious and delicious meal with all the trimmings. On Tuesday, dozens of volunteers packaged and filled dinner baskets with nourishing foods and holiday favorites for 135 families in each community of Columbus, OH, Newark, NJ, New Orleans, LA and Philadelphia, PA.

This year TMJF's HDBS packaged and distributed holiday dinner baskets with the generous support from over 70 community partners and 120 volunteers including MALCOLM JENKINS in New Orleans, Philadelphia Eagles' RODNEY MCLEOD in Philadelphia, Seton Hall Men's Basketball team members (MYLES CALE and JARED RHODEN) in Newark, NJ and Ohio State University's Early Head Start program and fellow Buckeye alum, OBIE STILLWELL in Columbus, OH.

"For me, the holidays have always been centered around the dinner table, to talk in fellowship and share a meal. Right now, many are trying to make decisions between their own bills, gifts under the tree or food on the table. We want to take that burden off of people's shoulders and allow them to enjoy that centerpiece of the holidays. I am grateful that so many of our friends, volunteers and partners came together to support and help our Foundation make a difference this holiday season," said TMJF Founder and Chairman, Malcolm Jenkins.

According to Feeding America, [it's estimated that one out of every eight people would experience food insecurity in 2021](#) with COVID-19 as a contributing factor. Our country has seen a devastating impact on our youth with families facing hunger and difficult decisions, not knowing when their next meal will come. Since 2011, The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation has conducted its HDBS initiative to alleviate holiday stress for vulnerable families by providing dinner baskets they can enjoy with their loved-ones. This year is no different. TMJF remains dedicated to its mission of effectuating positive change in the lives of youth in underserved communities, addressing social and economic inequities such as food insecurity.

Each festive holiday dinner basket included a turkey (11-14lbs), stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, 5-lb bag of potatoes, green beans, cornbread mix, collard greens, rice sides, cheddar and broccoli pasta, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, condensed milk, chicken broth, dinner rolls or bread, assortment of fruit, a baked pie, juice, a turkey roasting pan, utensils and plates.

“We are thankful to have hosted another successful Holiday Dinner Basket Surprise for the 11th year, and have the support of donors to execute the initiative in all four states where our Foundation is active. Every family deserves to enjoy this special time of year without the stresses of hunger and food insecurity. We cherish our sponsors, food partners, social service organizations and volunteers who continue to help us spread holiday cheer every year,” said Gwendolyn V. Jenkins, TMJF President & CEO.

TMJF is calling on the public’s support to donate during this season of giving and help combat food insecurity. Regardless of the amount, big or small, every donation can help make a difference in the lives of those we serve. **Please visit [TheMalcolmJenkinsFoundation.org](http://www.themalcolmjenkinsfoundation.org)** to help today.

#### **About The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation**

Founded in 2010, The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation (TMJF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity with a mission to effect positive change in the lives of youth, particularly those in underserved communities. The Foundation is dedicated to youth development programs and initiatives that provide innovative learning opportunities, resources, and experiences that will help them succeed in life and become productive and contributing members of their community. For more information, visit: <http://www.themalcolmjenkinsfoundation.org/> Like and Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

#### **The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation HDBS Community Partners — Columbus, OH**

Ohio State University Early Head Start Partnership  
Directions for Youth and Families

#### **The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation HDBS Community Partners — Newark, NJ**

Amerigroup  
Anibal Ramos Civic Association  
DCA  
Integrity House  
KIPPNJ - Newark  
Caleb L. Love Foundation  
St James Social Service Corporation

#### **The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation HDBS Community Partners — New Orleans, LA**

3rd District Police Station  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church  
Boys And Girls Club Of New Orleans  
College Track  
Crescent City Chapter of Links, Inc.

Excelth  
Family Center Of Hope  
Fitchfield Foundation  
Gaza Missionary Baptist Church  
Hampi Foundation  
Hano  
Historic Second Baptist Church  
N O Family Justice Center  
New Orleans Family  
New Salem Baptist Church  
Olive Branch Baptist Church  
Pentecost Baptist Church Educational & Outreach Program  
Pleasant Zion Missionary B.C.  
Pressing Onward Baptist Church  
St. James Methodist Church  
St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church  
St. Peter Claver Church  
St. Raymond/Leo Catholic Church  
Strive Nola  
Union Bethel Ame Church  
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**The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation HDBS Community Partners — Philadelphia, PA**

ACHIEVEability  
Alain Locke School  
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Caring People Alliance  
Chester Eastside, Inc.  
Children's Crisis Treatment Center  
Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc  
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People's Emergency Center  
Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House  
Philadelphia School District-STEP Powel School  
Sadaqah 4 You Inc.  
Veterans Multi-Service Center  
West Belmont Civic Association  
West Philadelphia High School

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