



**NFL Pro Bowler Malcolm Jenkins and The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation Feeds
135 Families from Across the Greater New Orleans region with
'Holiday Dinner Basket Surprise'**

The Foundation's sixth annual event blesses area families with turkey and all the trimmings

Philadelphia – December 18, 2016 – Philadelphia Eagles Pro Bowl Safety and former New Orleans Saints/Super Bowl Champion Malcolm Jenkins and [The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation](#) (TMJF) made the holidays brighter for New Orleans area families by providing holiday meal baskets for 135 Philadelphia families at the Foundation's sixth annual 'Holiday Dinner Basket Surprise' on Saturday, December 17th in collaboration with College Track New Orleans and TMJF Project R.E.W.A.R.D.S. students.

In keeping with the jersey number (27) that Jenkins wears on the field, The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation selected **27** local community organizations to serve as partners in identifying five (5) families from within the community their organization serves, in need of a festive blessing. Each partnering organization picked up the festive gifts during the event, and delivered them to their chosen families.

The event took place at College Track New Orleans, hosted in partnership with TMJF's Project R.E.W.A.R.D.S. Since 2012, in collaboration with College Track New Orleans, the Foundation offers a five-tiered life skills curriculum program for approximately 200 students in grades 9-12 emphasizing self-confidence, health and wellness, strategic thinking, leadership development and mentoring. Students meet weekly on Fridays for two hour increments and are offered guest speakers on a regular basis in addition to educational counseling and tutoring. College bound seniors who complete the program are eligible for scholarships, granted by The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation.

As part of the Project R.E.W.A.R.D.S program, students volunteered their time to help pack the baskets for Holiday Dinner Basket Surprise. The collaboration underscores the spirit of giving during the holidays, and the importance of "giving back" to underserved communities in New Orleans.

"When I think of the holidays, I think of family and getting together around the table for a special meal," said Jenkins. "Not everyone has that luxury. Six years ago, we started the tradition of Holiday Dinner Basket Surprise to provide families in underserved communities in the New Orleans area

with turkeys, stuffing, everything for a holiday meal. It was important to me to continue this tradition in New Orleans in addition to Philadelphia where I now play in the NFL, as the Louisiana community still holds a special place in my heart.”

The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation’s Holiday Dinner Basket Surprise has served more than 800 families since 2011. Striving to make an impact in every city in which Jenkins has lived, worked, and played, the effort expanded from New Orleans to Philadelphia in 2015. Covering two cities, this year’s effort will feed a total of 275 families across the Greater New Orleans and Greater Philadelphia.

About The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation

Founded in 2010, The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation (TMJF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to effectuate positive change in the lives of youth, particularly those in under-served communities; by providing resources, innovative opportunities and experiences that will help them succeed in life and become contributing members of their community. The Foundation is committed to youth development initiatives and programs, which emphasize character development, leadership, education, life skills health and recreation. For more information visit: <http://themalcolmjenkinsfoundation.org/> and follow @TheMJFoundation on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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