



## **The GVTC Foundation's Thanksgiving Give Back Project Celebrates its 10th year by delivering 616 meals**

The Thanksgiving Give Back Project is The GVTC Foundation's largest community project of the year. When this project was initiated, the vision was to provide a meal to neighbors experiencing hardship, with the hope that they would place their worries aside for the day and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal with their families.

Since 2012, the foundation has partnered with local food pantries, which select the recipients in the GVTC service area. As the project grew, organizations were invited to participate by collecting food items to make a complete Thanksgiving meal. The meal includes a frozen turkey, all the traditional sides, bread, and dessert. GVTC employees and their families package and personally hand-deliver the meals the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

The goal for the 10th annual event was to provide for 500 families. Despite the rain and cold weather, volunteers were able to deliver meals to 616 families, well-exceeding expectations and helping feed thousands in our community.

### **Community Partners**

This year's project wouldn't have been possible without the help of volunteers, 12 local food pantries, and one *Meals on Wheels* program. Over 25 community organizations collected food and funds for this project. The GVTC Foundation extends a sincere appreciation to all that participated.

[H-E-B](#)

[Brookshire Brothers Canyon Lake](#)

[Bimbo Bakeries](#)

[Foodguys](#)

**Local Food Pantries included:**

The Hope Center

Habitat for Safe Seniors

Helping Hands at Rebecca Creek

CRRC of Canyon Lake

Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries

Provisions Outreach of Bulverde

Meals on Wheels Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center

Blanco Good Samaritan Center

Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministries

Hill Country Family Services

Children Centre Los Niños

Community Bible Church Bulverde

**Organizations included:**

Bill Brown Elementary

Blanco Middle School

Boerne Community Theatre

Boerne YMCA

Boerne ISD

Boerne Education Foundation

Bracken Christian School

Canyon Lake High School Student Council

Church Hill Middle School

Comal County Senior Citizens Foundation

Communities in Schools

Contractors Helping Kids

Davenport High School Band

Gloria Deo Academy

Gonzales High School Anchor Club, FCCLA, and Leo's Club

Kendall County Juvenile Probation

Living Rock Academy

Paschal Elementary -CIS Site

Rebecca Creek Elementary

RecoveryWerks!

Rotary Club of Boerne

Shepherd of the Hills (S.W.A.T.)

Smithson Valley High School Family and Community Services & JROTC

Sonora Bank Bulverde

STEPS Solutions That Equip People for Success

Faith Alive Church

The Vine Wellness Group

Texas Valor Softball

Veramendi Elementary

Since its launch, the Thanksgiving Give Back Project has helped 2,736 families. The GVTC Foundation continues to serve its mission to profoundly enhance the quality of life in the communities served through charitable contributions and volunteerism.

As the need in the community increases, the effort of the project continues to gain attention and partnerships. Several commitments were already made for the upcoming year. Donations and food contributions allow the project team to increase the number of families supported annually. All are invited to participate.

GVTC employees, donors, and customers have a passion for this heartwarming event. The GVTC Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to help the community this holiday season and is already looking forward to next year.

If you wish to learn more about The GVTC Foundation and how you can get involved in community outreach efforts, email [info@thegvtcfoundation.com](mailto:info@thegvtcfoundation.com) or visit [thegvtcfoundation.com](http://thegvtcfoundation.com)

### **About GVTC:**

GVTC is an award-winning fiber optics communications provider delivering high-speed Internet, digital cable TV, phone, and interactive smart security to residential and business customers in far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country, and South Central Texas. GVTC offers Internet connection speeds up to 1 Gbps. GVTC's wholesale carrier transport network delivers Ethernet data delivery between San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, and Houston, with access to remote Texas markets. The company's philanthropic arm, The GVTC Foundation, is celebrating more than a decade of charitable giving. More than \$5.4 million in contributions have been given throughout GVTC's service area.

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