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UT Athletes Host Thanksgiving Dinner for Homeless

Knoxville, TN – Gibbs Hall on UT's campus will be transformed from ordinary college dorm into the site for holiday feasts and festivities on Sunday, November 22nd from 5 – 7pm. UT student-athletes from all sports will host a Thanksgiving dinner and other holiday activities for homeless individuals and families who participate in programming at The Volunteer Ministry Center.

"This is a great event for our clients who access VMC's Resource Center," said Ginny Weatherstone, CEO, "our clients look forward to this event every year." The event will offer a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings, bingo games, door prizes and a special visit from Santa himself!

The Volunteer Ministry Center was established in 1987 by concerned individuals and churches from the downtown area who observed a growing number of homeless people on the streets during the day time hours. Over the past three years, VMC has gradually adapted its programming to place a greater emphasis on efforts to help the homeless into housing as quickly as possible. Case Management is a key component of this model. Accountability is required within the case management relationship. VMC has placed over 250 individuals in housing over the last three years with ongoing case management as a feature of each placement.

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