UWS Open Hearts + BP Gale Brewer Celebrate Bittersweet Thanksgiving with Lucerne Residents + Others

As Judge delivers blow in Lucerne residents' bid to stay uptown, UWS Open Hearts will hand out 400 individual Thanksgiving meals to unhoused individuals

Yesterday, Judge Debra James ruled that the court cannot block the city's plans to move the men of the Lucerne downtown, on the procedural grounds that shelter residents are required to seek legal remedy for transfers only once they have been moved. Despite this blow, Upper West Side Open Hearts and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer will hand out 400 individual Thanksgiving meals to the residents of the Lucerne and others experiencing homelessness. Goddard Riverside -- an UWS nonprofit that also provides jobs to Lucerne residents -- will supply freshly prepared Thanksgiving meals in lieu of their traditional sit-down community dinner.

Event will be held rain or shine. Meals will be handed out under awnings in case of rain.

UWS Open Hearts also planned multiple other socially distanced Thanksgiving events to help ease this difficult time of year for those with estranged family relationships, starting in the morning with grab-and-go coffee and donuts at The Belleclaire, followed by a spiritual walk and talk where shelter residents can commune with local faith leaders. After the Thanksgiving meal distribution, there will be another spiritual walk and talk, and a volunteer-led AA meeting. The events will take on a bittersweet tone with the possibility that Lucerne residents will be displaced looming.

WHO:
Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
UWS Open Hearts
New Yorkers experiencing homelessness
LIST IN FORMATION

WHERE:
In front of the Lucerne (rain or shine)
 201 W 79th Street

WHEN:
Thursday, November 26 at 1230 pm - 2pm

WHAT: Thanksgiving meal distribution with BP Gale Brewer, UWS Open Hearts, Lucerne Residents, and others experiencing homelessness.