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you!



At Open Arms, we believe in a flexible partnership approach that embraces diversity and values the unique contributions of individuals and organizations. Our aim is to create a broad and inclusive community that benefits from a wide range of perspectives, expertise, and resources. Case in point, Mark and Susan Lewis, who began volunteering with Open Arms in 2020. Their commitment to our cause deepened over time, leading to their company, St. Croix Printing, joining our efforts.

Not only can you find Mark and Susan in our kitchen and bakery, but you'll also notice the custom Open Arms-branded apparel they beautifully craft for us. They also often surprise us with gifts of unique items like baseball hats, stocking caps, and hoodies for our staff and volunteers! **Thank you, Mark and Susan, for all that you do to support Open Arms!**



Susan and Mark Lewis at the 2023 Moveable Feast

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A helping of news from
Open Arms of Minnesota
Fall 2023



GOBBLE GOBBLE!

Open Arms gears up for largest Turkey Drive to date!

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A NOTE FROM OUR CEO, LEAH

It's just about time for me to don the turkey suit once again! November is our busiest month of the year. This is the season when we get to make an even more profound impact, and we couldn't be more thrilled about it! This month, we will proudly deliver almost 6,000 turkey dinners to clients and their loved ones. Our team takes great pride in going above and beyond to ensure that every client we serve experiences the nourishment, and support that they deserve. None of this is possible without our community, so from everyone at Open Arms, thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!

Leah

EVENTS



December 14 | 6:30 p.m.
Our chefs are excited to tantalize your taste buds at our winter **Pop-Up Dinner** being held in St. Paul on Dec. 14! Kick off your holiday season in style and support our clients while treating your friends and family to a scrumptious evening!



Holiday Treats
Holiday Treats are back by popular demand! Support our mission through the purchase of homemade desserts made from scratch in our bakery! Head to our Online Shop at openarmsmn.org/shop to get yours today!



NOVEMBER YESVEMBER

The energy and excitement are palpable, and the aroma of roasted turkeys and pumpkin spice permeates the air. It's November at Open Arms and there's no month quite like it. As we've been doing since 2015, **we will be turning November in YESvember** for our clients across Minnesota! We're not just preparing medically tailored meals; we're also crafting Thanksgiving feasts and delicious holiday treats. Head to our website for more information about Turkey Drive and other ways to get involved!

www.openarmsmn.org/turkeydrive



REFLECTING ON OUR IMPACT, PATRICIA'S STORY

At Open Arms, our clients are not just individuals in need; they are part of our community, relying on us for support because they are unable to shop or cook for themselves. One such client is Patricia (pictured above) of Minneapolis, who has lived with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) for more than 30 years and has been a client since 2009. Today, Patricia considers herself stronger than ever thanks to the meals she receives. "Open Arms has given me the ability to maintain an independent, healthy, and happy lifestyle," said Patricia. Just in time for Thanksgiving, head online to watch KARE 11 Reporter Samie Solina's segment and hear more about Patricia's story.



GLAMOUR FOR GOOD

Grab your tickets and join us at the **Minneapolis Kitchen & Campus** on **Dec. 1st**, World AIDS Day, for our first Drag Happy Hour! This special event promises an evening of entertainment, education, and advocacy as we come together to recognize and support our clients impacted by the disease. Embrace the power of inclusivity and join us for a night of charm and goodwill, where together we can make a difference. Tickets for the event are \$86. Head to the link below to grab yours before they're gone!

www.openarmsmn.org/drag23

VOLUNTEER



Did you know that 1,130 people attended a new volunteer orientation last year? Think about it this way: 1,130 people were introduced to the most passionate volunteer network in Minnesota! New volunteers infuse this community with energy, and we'll need to tap into that energy with winter just around the corner. Our clients need us despite the snow, sleet, and ice. Lend a hand if you're able and encourage your family and friends to join you!

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Open Arms! Scan the QR Code on the right or visit www.openarmsmn.org/volunteer to sign up.

