

Monthly Newsletter

GODFELLAS



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Here's what has happened in the last year and what's to come!

Dear Godfellas Family,

Welcome to our very first Godfellas newsletter!

As we reflect on the past year, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for each one of you.

First, we'd like to thank all of our donors & volunteers who have supported us. Your generosity made it possible for us to begin the Godfellas journey.

2024 was a blessed year for us.

In August, we took our first Godfellas mission trip. Following that trip, some of our dearest friends became our founding donors, while others generously gave their time and resources.

Our inaugural 'Breaking Bread' event took place in October. Then, in November and December, we had the privilege of sharing the joy of Christmas with the two organizations we are partnering with this season: El Pozo de Vida and HelpLive.

With grateful hearts, we look forward to an even brighter 2025, filled with more opportunities to serve, connect, and grow.

We have so much planned for this year, and we can't wait to share it with ya'll!

Thank you for partnering with us to build a community that gives generously, both locally and globally.

Together, we are making a lasting difference, and this is just the beginning.

With lots of love and gratitude,

Godfellas team x

P.S.. Godfellas relies on the kindness & support of our community. If you're able to donate your time or resources, please let us know!

In this newsletter
you can expect:

2024 Christmas

First Mission Trip

Breaking Bread

2025
Upcoming Events

Godfellas x Reach
Ministry Food Bank

Podcast Coming
Soon!



Christmas Blessings Around the World

Because of your generosity, we were able to spread love and joy this Christmas. In this season, we have been working with our good friends at El Pozo de Vida and HelpLive.

El Pozo de Vida is based in Mexico City. Their mission is to fight against human trafficking in Mexico and Central America through holistic strategies in prevention, intervention, and restoration of vulnerable children, women, families, & communities. They currently have nine projects with influence in Mexico, one of which is a safehouse for young women & children that they have rescued from being trafficked.

We had the honor of hosting a Christmas party for the 18 girls, ranging in age from 1 to 18, currently living at the safehouse. Many of them are estranged from their families or have no family at all, so it was truly special to create a joyful space where they could celebrate the season, share meaningful moments, and experience the warmth and cheer of the holidays.

<https://elpozodevida.org/>

HelpLive, based in Northern Thailand, works with communities in Thailand and India to support at-risk children affected by global socio-political issues. Their mission is to resettle displaced children into safe communities, providing healthcare, housing, and education. HelpLive also engages local communities by raising awareness and creating opportunities to serve.

In the spirit of Christmas giving, we had the privilege of donating 300 meals and 100 blankets to these children, bringing comfort and hope to those who needed it most. These simple yet meaningful gifts helped ensure that they felt cared for, valued, and embraced during this special season of love and giving.

Thank you for making these incredible acts of love possible.

<https://www.helplive.org/>





August: Our First Mission Trip to Mexico City

In August, the Godfellas team took our first trip to Mexico City to visit our partners at El Pozo de Vida.

This trip was especially significant, as our past visits and conversations with Benny and Janice, the founders, inspired the vision behind Godfellas.

It was an unforgettable experience as we spent time with the sweet girls at the safehouse. We celebrated with a fun taco party, made friendship bracelets, played games, and shared moments of prayer and connection.

We were fortunate to spend quality time with Benny and Janice, as well as other key members of the El Pozo family— Tina, Randy, Ixel, Paul, and Jessica— exploring the city and enjoying some amazing food.

Our goal for 2025 is to organize quarterly Godfellas trips, taking groups with us to experience El Pozo and the vibrant city of Mexico City firsthand.





October: Breaking Bread

October marked another exciting milestone — our first in-person gathering at Ta Joia Restaurant in Bothell, Washington!

Our **'Breaking Bread'** events are designed to foster community, sharing, and inspiration. We enjoy a meal together, 'breaking bread' with one another, and hear from speakers and community leaders. Our goal is to hold these events quarterly.

This month, some of our closest friends and family gathered to share our dreams for the future and discuss how we can take meaningful action together. It was a night filled with connection, inspiration, and hope for what lies ahead.

If you're interested in joining one of our upcoming Godfellas gatherings, DM us on Instagram.

And if you'd like to donate your time, resources, or know of any spaces or restaurants that would be a great fit for our events, we'd love to hear from you. We're also open to sponsorship opportunities!





Looking Ahead to 2025

As we prepare for the new year, we are filled with hope and excitement for what's to come.

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Breaking Bread in Seattle

We're excited to kick off the year with a special gathering in downtown Seattle, partnering with a cherished local sushi spot. Stay tuned for more details— we look forward to connecting with you soon!

March 2025

Mexico City Trip

We're planning our next visit to Mexico City to deepen our partnership with Benny and Janice Yu at El Pozo de Vida. Spots are limited, and we'd love for you to be part of this transformative journey.

Volunteer with us! Seattle ~ 9 am, every Saturday

Godfellas & Reach Ministry Food Bank

Join us every Saturday at 9 a.m. in Seattle as we partner with the Reach Ministry team to support the community through volunteer efforts.

If you can't make it but are still interested in helping, there are plenty of other ways to get involved. Please check Reachministry.org for details!

Thank you for reading!



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