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In 2015, **Brian Walsh**, owner of Allegra in Palatine, Ill., and his family started the Basket Brigade

The Basket Brigade at Work!



(<http://www.basketbrigade.net/>) to deliver Thanksgiving dinners to families in need in Palatine and the surrounding communities.

Thanks to the generous donations from local residents and businesses, in their first year, the 120 volunteers delivered 195 Thanksgiving baskets. The effort has grown each year. This year, more than 500 volunteers worked together to create and deliver 1,335 baskets! With each basket containing enough traditional Thanksgiving fixings (everything from turkey to pumpkin pie) to feed a family of five, they provided Thanksgiving feasts for 6,675 people.

As Brian shared in a recent article in the Chicago Tribune (<https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/arlington-heights/community/chi-ugc-article-thanksgiving-delivered-basket-brigade-delive-2018-11-20-story.html>), "The message that we hope to pass along to the families receiving the meal, and to our volunteers, our children and the community, is that the secret to LIVING is GIVING."

Congratulations to Brian and his brigade of volunteers and donors for a job well done!