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BUFFALO BILLS COACHES VOLUNTEER AT CITY MISSION FOR COMMUNITY MEAL

Seven Bills coaches served meals prepared by Chef Darian Bryan to City Mission guests

Event marks the first community meal at the new Alfiero Family Center of Hope and Promise



BUFFALO, NY (June 9, 2021) – Today, the [Buffalo City Mission](#) held its third Buffalo Bills Community Meal at the Alfiero Family Center of Hope and Promise. Meals were served by seven Buffalo Bills coaches and prepared by Chef Darian Bryan of [The Plating Society](#). Guests included members of the City Mission's transitional housing program and emergency shelter guests. The event marked the first Community Meal served in the new center.

“The City Mission is extremely grateful to the Buffalo Bills coaches for joining us at today’s Community Meal and to Chef Darian for preparing the wonderful food we were able to enjoy,” said Aubrey Calhoun, Associate Executive Director of the Buffalo City Mission. “With so many events and gatherings put on hold over the last year, we’re thrilled to be able to enjoy this meal together in our new Center — a symbol of support, community and inclusivity.”

Led by Buffalo Bills Team Chaplin Len Vanden Bos, the event served meals to more than 70 individuals. In addition to the food served, guests enjoyed giveaway items donated by the Buffalo Bills, music entertainment and interactions with the coaches.



“Giving back to the community is a pillar of the Buffalo Bills organization, so we are excited for the opportunity to be able to work with the Buffalo City Mission,” said Leslie Frazier, Buffalo Bills Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach. “The work they do makes an incredible impact on the lives of those they serve, and we are blessed to join them for an afternoon of giving back.”

Today’s event is the third Buffalo Bills Community Meal at the City Mission. Community Meals with the coaches were served in 2018 and 2019 but were paused in 2020 due to pandemic restrictions.

Officially opened in March 2021, the City Mission’s 75,000 square foot Alfiero Center provides preventative services on the front end to decrease the percentage of homelessness year-over-year for those who are on the brink of homelessness. It delivers more complete care to individuals who already experience homelessness. Notable features include space for social service agencies, case management, mental health services, medical care, the first recuperative care unit in Buffalo, job training, education, food, clothing and more.

To learn more about the City Mission and how to get involved, visit buffalocitymission.org.

About the Buffalo City Mission

The Buffalo City Mission, founded in 1917, is a nonprofit organization providing preventative, emergency, and transitional housing programs to thousands of people who are homeless and impoverished every year. The Mission includes a Women and Children’s Shelter (Cornerstone Manor), the Men’s Community Center, and the Dick Road thrift store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit buffalocitymission.org or call (716) 854-8181.

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