

Thanksgiving Dinners Chair: can be done remotely

In November, interested students are matched with local members who invite students to join their family's Thanksgiving dinner gathering.

Each year, members of the Stanford Parents' Club host one or more Stanford students who are staying on campus over the holiday and wish to have Thanksgiving with a local family. Many students are unable to be with family or friends for Thanksgiving for a variety of reasons. Many international students have never experienced Thanksgiving or a meal in a California home. Local Parents' Club families really enjoy the experience of opening their homes to students for Thanksgiving Dinner. The Thanksgiving Chair matches interested students with local families.

The Thanksgiving Chair:

- For host homes, prepares information to recruit local Thanksgiving hosts. Work with the club President to spread the word.
- For students, prepares an invitation or flyer with sign-up information. In the signup sheet, requests that participating students list dietary restrictions, pet allergies, time availability, phone number, residence hall, and transportation needs.
- Sends emails, coordinates, and matches students with families.
- Afterward, sends a thank you email to hosts and students requesting feedback.
- Updates/prepares a Program Report with a recap and notes for next year; submits to the VP of Student Support, who oversees this program and can assist as necessary.