

## CHEF JEFF COOKS FOR “FEED THE HUNGRY”



### Hosea Feed the Hungry Serves 20,000

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The **largest Christmas dinner in the world took place Christmas Day** at Turner Field. The Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry Dinner provided meals for 20,000 homeless and less-fortunate people in the Atlanta area.

Dinner guest Jacqueline Harris said she didn't mind waiting two hours in the cold in order to get a warm meal on Christmas Day. "I thought about the dressing and the food, and I was up early this morning trying to come," she said. "It's a great experience. That's why I decided to come."

Organizer Patricia Green helped keep the meal line moving to feed as many people as possible. "I like helping people. I have 21 brothers and five sisters and I used to cook and feed them, so its an extenuation of that," said Green.

Elisabeth Omilami, executive director of the dinner and the daughter of the late Civil Rights leader Hosea Williams, said looking around Turner Field and seeing all the mouths being fed gave her a bitter-sweet feeling. "I'm glad we can be here, but I'm sad that Atlanta has so many homeless that continue to come, because if they weren't hungry they wouldn't come."

In addition to feeding thousands, the organizers gave away more than 400 toys to make sure no child went without a Christmas gift.

Hosea Feed the Hungry also provided free MARTA tokens for people to get home, free phone calls for people to contact their loved ones, and free haircuts.



**Using his own recipe, Chef Jeff Disend** supervises a team of other volunteers who make all the dressing for this event every year at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Chef Jeff and his team also make cornbread for 15,000 homeless people (about 300 pans) for Martin Luther King Day, and make turkey salad to feed about 12,000 people for Easter.