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## Rosa's Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner today at noon

*'Mother Wims' hosts 31<sup>st</sup> annual meal*

ROCHESTER – Hundreds of Rochesterians today will enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving meal a few weeks early. And once again, they have “Mother Wims” to thank.

Rosa Wims, 93, will host the 31<sup>st</sup> annual “Rosa’s Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner” at noon at the Montgomery Neighborhood Center. The event runs until the food runs out. Wims has hinted that she’ll have a special announcement today about the event and how it will continue in the years to come.

Wims has dedicated her life to public service. She is recognized as the first black nurse’s aide at Rochester General Hospital and later became a licensed practical nurse. She founded the Faith Community Health Awareness Center on Genesee Street, which later was renamed in her honor, the Rosa Wims Family Wellness Center.

Foodlink provides food for the event, and 15 fresh turkeys have been donated this year by Palmer Food Services.

**WHAT:** Rosa’s 31st annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

**WHEN:** Friday, November 11, 2016; Noon until food runs out

**WHERE:** Montgomery Neighborhood Center; 10 Cady Street, Rochester, NY 14608

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY:** Reporters who would like to speak with Rosa should plan on arriving between 12-1 p.m. Hear about her plans for the event going forward!

**SPECIAL THANKS:** Palmer Food Services has graciously donated 15 fresh turkeys for this year’s event.



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### **About Foodlink**

Foodlink is a regional food hub and the Feeding America food bank serving Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties. Our operations target the root causes of hunger by distributing food to a network of human service agencies, serving meals through our commercial kitchen, and offering more than 30 food-related programs. In 2015, Foodlink distributed nearly 19 million pounds of food – including 4.6 million pounds of produce – offered more than 200 nutrition education courses, and created new access points for healthy foods in underserved communities. Our innovative approach directly addresses health disparities related to food insecurity. Learn more about our mission to end hunger and to leverage the power of food to build a healthier community at [www.foodlinkny.org](http://www.foodlinkny.org).

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