

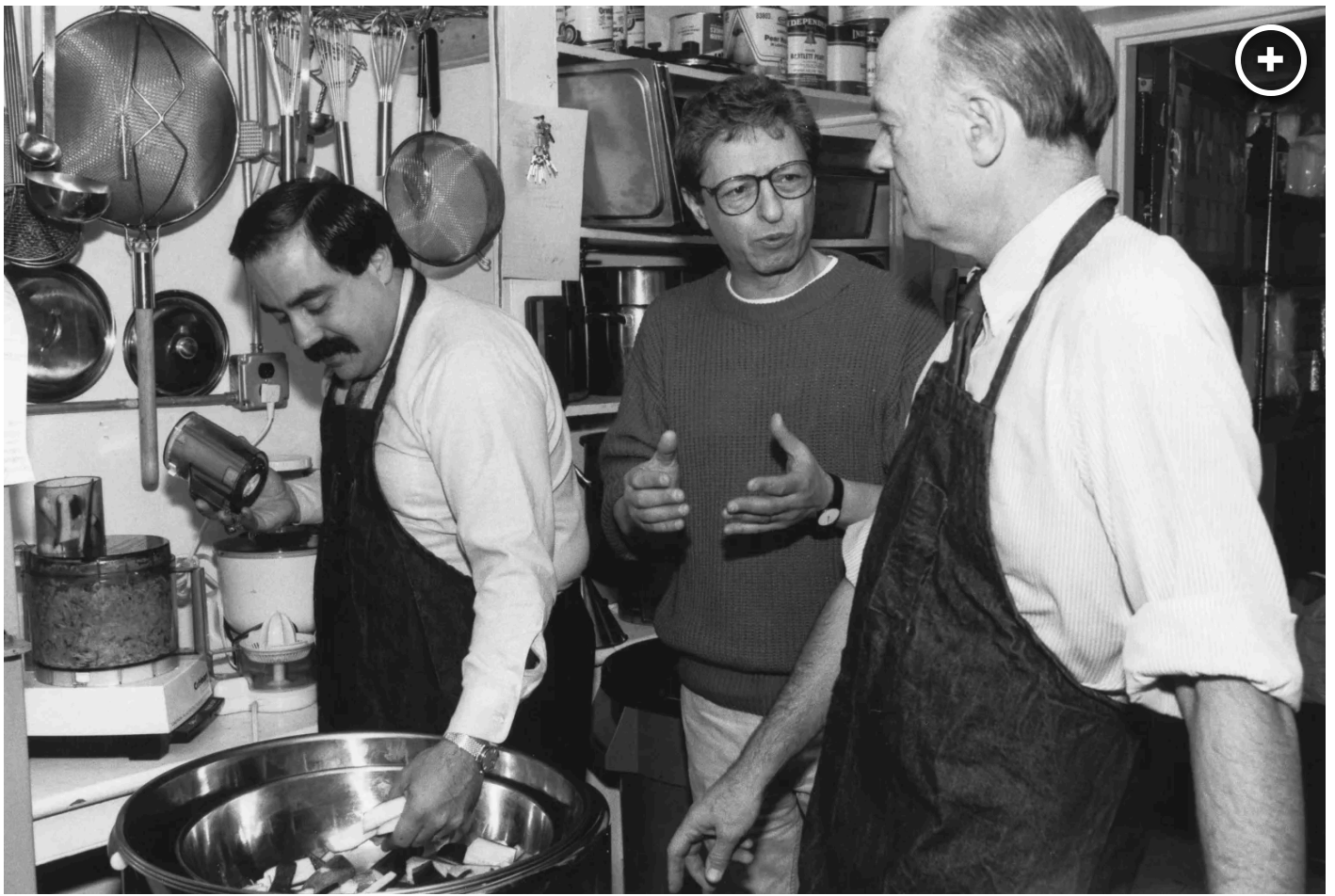
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Happy 40th Birthday to God's Love We Deliver!

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God's Love We Deliver Kitchen

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God's Love We Deliver is kicking off a powerful, yearlong birthday celebration — continuing to nourish New York with the same heart and purpose that began in 1985. Since its founding four decades ago, the nonsectarian food and nutrition organization has been cooking and home-delivering medically tailored meals to New Yorkers affected by severe and chronic illness.



What started as a response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic has grown to support individuals facing over 200 diagnoses, including mental health conditions, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and sickle cell disease — ensuring that nobody has to face illness alone in the Big Apple.



God's Love We Deliver has stood strong for 40 years, having delivered over 40 million meals and launched impactful programs such as:

CONNECTED, for U.S. military veterans

Healthy Starts, supporting pregnant individuals with gestational diabetes

Health Harvest, a medically tailored groceries initiative

God's Love remains the gold standard for how food can be an integral part of medical care, fulfilling its mission to cook and home-deliver meals to New Yorkers facing the dual crises of hunger and illness, where and when they are needed most, for as long as someone's health requires.

If you or someone you know — a neighbor, a friend, a colleague, a loved one — lives in the NYC metropolitan area and could benefit from God's Love We Deliver's free, medically tailored, home-delivered meals, please reach out at glwd.org.

If you would like to share your story about God's Love We Deliver, please do so at glwd.org/40story.



Client James with God's Love President & CEO Terrence Meck

James W.

Client since 2024

The face of HIV/AIDS has changed drastically since the founding of God's Love We Deliver forty years ago, but the care God's Love provides its clients living with HIV/AIDS (and all other life-altering illnesses) has not.

James, an artist from South Dakota, moved to New York City in 1976 with dreams of making it in the art world. Two decades into that journey, everything changed when he was diagnosed with AIDS. Faced with the fear of losing not only his livelihood but his life, James found strength through community.

James felt a spark of purpose. Surrounded by others facing the same fight, he poured his heart into advocacy — using art and storytelling to amplify the voices of people living with AIDS across all five boroughs. Today, James is still here — and he credits his Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and the medically tailored meals from God's Love We Deliver for helping him feel the healthiest he's ever

been. Not only does James feel better, but he's got the numbers to prove it: James's bloodwork has improved, and his doctor attributes this to meals from God's Love We Deliver meals.

"God's Love gives me good, nutritious food. My diet has never been better. You can't feel healthy if you don't have good-quality food. It makes a world of difference."

- James, current GLWD client

James faces the challenges of living with AIDS —and aging—with a support network he never thought he would be able to have at the time of his diagnosis. James thanks God's Love for improving his health with each meal and brightening his day with each smile he receives at the door.



Client Yvette with birthday cake

Provided by God's Love We Deliver

YOU can join the celebration

To celebrate 40 years, God's Love We Deliver invites all to donate to their 40th Birthday Bake Sale, funding the personalized birthday cakes they bake and deliver to every client, child, and caregiver in

their program. Your gift to God's Love We Deliver can help fund personalized birthday cakes for all their clients and their caregivers.

Interested in making a difference? Help celebrate our 40th birthday — and the birthdays of our neighbors affected by severe and chronic illness — by sponsoring cakes today. Please visit glwd.org/bakesale to donate.

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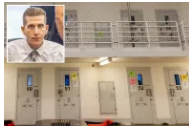
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