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Jacob Family Restaurant Served Free Meals on Thanksgiving

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Rachael and Kim Ngui, owners of Jacob’s Kitchen Restaurant in Harlem (Lenox Ave. & 137th & Frederick Douglass Blvd & 138th & 140th St.), continue to give back annually to the Harlem community by giving free dinners on Thanksgiving. For several hours the community comes to Jacob’s and helps themselves to turkey and trimmings along with the food that Jacobs serves every day. Rachael was honored to have dozens of volunteers who came to help make the process a smooth one and especially to help the elderly and homeless.

Congressman Charles Rangel, who represents the 15th Congressional District of New York that includes upper Manhattan and parts of the Bronx, served food Thanksgiving afternoon at Jacob’s Restaurant located at 2605 Frederick Douglass Blvd. Wearing an apron and serving turkey, Congressman Rangel greeted the hundreds of Harlemites who showed up long before the staff signed and served the food served at Jacob’s Restaurant. What was on the menu for those who were served at Jacob’s? Said food staples that the restaurant has become known for, like fried, baked, barbecue, and jerk chicken, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes, string beans, corned beef, red cabbage, classic salmon, beef short rib, different types of rice, corn, and salads, among other dishes including sweet potatoes, and many more were available, as well as venue especially added for Thanksgiving, including turkey and

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stuffing. Harlem News spoke exclusively with the Owners of Harlem about his continued service to Harlem, particularly on Thanksgiving. "Well it makes me feel good, it reminds us of how fortunate some of us are. It's a good feeling. It's always good whether it's Thanksgiving or not to give thanks to God," he said. "I am 85 years old," he said, as the national leader continued to shuttle people in and around the restaurant. While Congressman Rangel was certainly the oldest volunteer serving food at Jacob’s Restaurant, he also spoke to the younger volunteers, Leon Barrett, Jr., an eighty-two-year-old who was with his grandmother and two aunts. He said it was "good" to volunteer to "help the community." He also said, "I am 85 years old" and "I am happy to be here to help the community."" We at Harlem News would like to thank all those who volunteered their time to help make Thanksgiving a success. We are grateful for Rachel and her family for their continued service to the community as always.