



## *SOUTH FLORIDA URBAN MINISTRIES, INC.*

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE WILMA YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE PROVIDING HOT MEALS ON THANKSGIVING**

South Florida Urban Ministries will serve over 1,500 meals throughout the community for the fifth year in a row. In the wake of Hurricane Wilma, this project is needed now more than ever.

Estel Semel has had a tough time during the last two hurricanes. She was displaced after both Katrina and Wilma. Yet this Thanksgiving, Estel Semel has something to look forward to. South Florida Urban Ministries will deliver a hot Thanksgiving meal to her home.

South Florida Urban Ministries works with over 30 agencies including Ayuda, CHI Cares, Food for Life, Galata, Meals on Wheels and Church World Services to identify individuals like Estel who are in need of a hot Thanksgiving Meal. Each person is called to verify their details and listen to all their heartbreaking stories. Partnering with United Methodist Churches, businesses and individuals from the community, Thanksgiving meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to homebound senior citizens, refugees, recent immigrants and others in need.

Planning for this event and donations have been delayed due to Hurricane Wilma. Now more than ever we need people like you to open up their hearts and volunteer their time or give food or monetary contributions. We need volunteers on Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-10pm and Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm at the Perrine Peters United Methodist Church, 18301 S Dixie Highway and at the Norland United Methodist Church, 885 NW 195 Street.

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation please call Kim Leavitt at (305) 442-8306 or email her at [klevitt@sflum.org](mailto:klevitt@sflum.org)

Come make a difference and help people like Estel Senel.

*SFLUM seeks to move people from poverty to prosperity and offers programs not only in hunger alleviation but also in micro-enterprise and youth development. We look forward to making this Thanksgiving a great one for everyone.*

P.S. If you would like to interview Estel or others who will benefit from this event, please contact us.