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TEXANS STAR JALEN PITRE AND TDECU TEAM UP FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER DONATIONS



*Texans Safety Jalen Pitre (center) and TDECU Volunteers
Photo courtesy: TDECU*

TDECU teamed up with Houston Texans safety Jalen Pitre, his Pitreboyz Foundation, and Bethel's Heavenly Hands, to distribute more than 350 "Boxes of Love" and turkeys to Houston families in need on Tuesday, November 25, at Bethel's Place Empowerment Center.



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Each box contained all the ingredients necessary for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, aiming to alleviate food insecurity during the holiday season.

Pitre, a Stafford High School graduate and former Baylor University standout, has been actively involved in community service throughout his NFL career. His Pitreboyz

foundation focuses on empowering youth through sports, nutrition, and education programs.

"I'm really thankful to be out here and seeing the smiles on everyone's faces," said Pitre. "Giving back to the community, especially in the Stafford and Houston area, means a lot to me and my family. The foundation normally focuses on supporting youth, but we always put in a little extra work around the holidays to make a bigger difference. Now I'm looking forward to going back to practice and getting ready for Sunday's big game."

"We truly value our partnership with Bethel's Heavenly Hands and the incredible work they do," said Crystal Harris, VP and Executive Director of the TDECU Foundation. "We enjoy working with them all year long, but the holiday season makes our shared mission to enhance the wellbeing of the broader community even more meaningful."

The event was supported by the TDECU Cares Foundation along with Group 1 Automotive, Starbucks, and Raising Cane's. Their contributions were instrumental in the success of the distribution, which benefited hundreds of families across the Houston area.

Bethel's Heavenly Hand collaborates with local churches and businesses to provide essential resources to those in need. This year the group distributed more than 2,000 Boxes of Love and turkeys in time for Thanksgiving.

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