

Houston’s Creative Community Rallies for “Give for Good” to Support Food Access Across the City



Give for Good, a benefit event presented by Houston collectives dnglyfe and Unscripted, supports Mary’s Green Give and its efforts to provide fresh food access for families impacted by SNAP delays.

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This Thanksgiving season, Houston’s creative scene is coming together to turn good energy into good impact.

Local collectives dnglyfe and Unscripted are hosting **Give for Good**, a benefit event supporting Mary’s Green Give, a Houston nonprofit that’s working to improve food access for families living in the city’s food deserts.

The event takes place on **Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight** at the **Grab N’ Go Market**. The evening blends the creative energy of Houston’s nightlife with the mission of community support, featuring live DJs, dancing, and a gathering of people who believe art can bring change. For those who can’t attend in person, donations via the event’s GoFundMe campaign will go directly to Mary’s Green Give’s efforts across the city.

“This isn’t just about feeding people—it’s about empowering communities to take control of their health,” said VP Wright, founder of dnglyfe and co-curator of the event. “With every dollar raised, we’re helping Mary’s Green Give deliver fresh fruits, vegetables—and hope—to underserved neighborhoods across Houston.”

The timing is more vital than ever. Families throughout Houston are facing uncertainty as federal food-assistance programs like SNAP undergo delays and possible funding gaps. Local service providers warn that without timely access to benefits, many households will turn to community gardens and nonprofit food distributions for support.

Mary’s Green Give has long worked to bring fresh produce and healthier food

options to areas where grocery stores are few and far between. Through community gardens, produce distributions, and local partnerships, the organization is already a lifeline for families in need.

“Give for Good creates a space where creativity meets community,” said Le’Don Williams, co-founder of Unscripted. “It’s arts, music, and movement coming together for something bigger.”

Guests can expect a night full of rhythm and purpose—a celebration of what happens when Houstonians show up for each other.

Event Details
Give for Good — A Benefit Event Supporting Food Access Across Houston
Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025
Time: 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Location: Grab N’ Go Market (Houston)
Beneficiary: Mary’s Green Give
Donate/More Info: Visit the event’s GoFundMe page to contribute if you cannot attend.

About Mary’s Green Give

Mary’s Green Give is a Houston-based nonprofit dedicated to closing the gap in food access across the city’s food deserts. Through community gardens, produce distributions, and local partnerships, the organization ensures healthy food options are available to all.

About dnglyfe

Founded by creative entrepreneur VP Wright, dnglyfe is a Houston community and media platform that highlights local creatives, events, and stories shaping the city’s culture.

About Unscripted

Founded by Le’Don Williams and Dayne McQueen, Unscripted is a Houston creative collective creating experiences that bring art, music, and community together while supporting social causes.

dnglyfe Unscripted presents:

Give For Good

good music. good people. good cause.

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8 PM – 12 AM
GRAB & GO THRIFT
5611 CLINTON DR

Mary's Green Give

TICKETS: \$10



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In honoring her ancestors, Stephanie Franklin has made a name for herself in a field where Black winemakers are rarely represented. “I do not take it lightly that I am amongst the 1% of African-American winemakers,” an emotional Franklin told the crowd. “This is a heartfelt journey for me.”

“It started out with just a love of wine,” she continued. “I’ve been a lover of wine forever.” That love led to a new career: after being laid off from her corporate job, she landed internships in Napa and Texas in 2020. Then she began earning wine certifications. While sitting in a WSET (Wine & Spirit Education Trust) class, Franklin decided to become a winemaker and plant a vineyard — and Franklin Vines was born.

“I started Franklin Vines from a vision,” she said. “I saw the vision before anyone else saw it. No one knew what I was doing. No one understood.” But one relative visualized her future in a way even Franklin hadn’t yet: “My cousin [Kevin Brown] encouraged me to plant on my grandfather’s land in Shankleville. I didn’t see the vision at first,” Franklin admitted.

It took a year for her to embrace the idea. But once she did, Franklin realized that revitalizing the land would yield countless benefits. “No one was doing anything with my grandfather’s land,” she said. “Why not plant a vineyard in Shankleville? Why not boost the economy? Why not create jobs? Why not empower women? Why not tap into that agritourism?”

Beyond bringing jobs and tourism to the area, Franklin Vines can empower the next generation — helping youth learn about farming and offering scholarships to young women of color pursuing careers in wine or agriculture. By honoring her ancestors’ legacy, Franklin is cementing her own.

“I want to leave something behind,” she said. “I have no kids, so I hope somebody in the family wants to learn and grow with me and take on a part of this. I won’t be around forever, but I want to plant those vines — and I want those vines to thrive and grow.”

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for Mixed Beverage and Late Hours Certificates by Atlantis HTX LLC dba Atlantis Coffee & Bar, to be located at 1101 Holman St, Houston, Harris County, Texas. Owners of said corporation are Bichar Myrtill and Demetrius Walker.

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Package Store Permit by Echezolachukwu Esighasim, Elite Liquors, to be located at 13956 Westheimer Road, Houston, Harris County, TX. Officers of the said corporation: Echezolachukwu Esighasim [owner].

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Public Services – AI Consulting Services – A102-26

H-GAC is soliciting responses for the selection of qualified service providers in the area of AI Consulting Services and to make these services available to Customers of the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program under blanket type contracts.

To view the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.hgacbuy.org/bid-notices> or [ESBD \(txsmartbuy.com\)](https://www.esbd.com).

Response Deadline: December 18, 2025 @ 12:00 P.M. CT

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