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Country singer Tracy Lawrence and friends gathered in Nashville yesterday to bless those less fortunate as the holiday season approaches. Together they fried over 500 turkeys from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Nashville Rescue Mission as part of the seventh annual Mission Possible Turkey Fry.

Lawrence, who is a resident of Wilson County, said that the charity began in 2006 when he and a few friends made “about 50” turkeys for the cause. In the following years, the Mission Possible Turkey Fry “exploded” with support from various organizations and individuals in and around the Nashville community. “We do a huge drive,” he said. “Turkeys are collected all year long.”

While several hundred were donated and fried on-site Tuesday, Lawrence said feeding the hungry continues for several weeks through the Nashville Rescue Mission. “We have over 1,000 turkeys – half we make today and the others go into freezers to be stored,” he explained.

Lawrence said he was humbled by the outpouring of support from friends who gave their time to be a part of the Turkey Fry and that he enjoys the fellowship aspect of it. “Through the years I have met a lot of people here. It is neat to see the progress of people from year-to-year. Some people get their lives together and overcome addiction – things like that. It feeds the soul to fellowship with them and talk about our families,” he said.

Lawrence, who was born in Texas, has never let fame or his busy schedule keep him from giving back to the community. “It what is we are supposed to do,” he said.

“I grew up in a small community. We always tried to be a part of helping someone out,” he said. “I love this city and the people here. I believe in helping those who have fallen on hard times and need a helping hand.”

Tracy Lawrence fries 500 turkeys, feeds Nashville's homeless on Tuesday

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Since 2006, the Tracy Lawrence Mission Possible Turkey Fry has provided more than 35,000 meals to help the Nashville Rescue Mission feed the homeless in Middle Tennessee. Follow it on Twitter at [@NashvilleRescue](#).