



Meal Providing at Transition Projects

Providing a meal at one of our shelters is our most popular volunteer activity. Every night of the year, volunteers ensure that the residents of our shelters have a wholesome meal. The volunteers often leave to the applause, but always leave in the appreciation, of 90 grateful residents.



Your Group

Put together a group of 5 to 8 people (youth are welcome with adult supervision), who can provide, cook, and serve a meal for 90 homeless persons. Most groups help with clean up, but the shelter residents will assist if your group does not want to clean.

Cost

Meals generally cost between one hundred fifty and two hundred dollars, depending on what you choose to prepare.

Time

Preparation time depends on the meal you serve. Lasagna takes longer than taco salad. Generally, groups cooking onsite will show up somewhere between 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM. Dinner time is at 7:00 PM and serving generally takes 20 to 40 minutes to complete.

Locations

Doreen's Place at the Bud Clark Commons is

located at 665 NW Hoyt, at Broadway. The Clark Center is located at 1431 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, beneath the Hawthorne Bridge. Both facilities offer a full commercial kitchen, including large pots and pans, and plates, cups and utensils, which meal providers are welcome to use.

Scheduling

Your group may provide as frequently as you wish. Many meal providers serve monthly, while others serve occasionally. We can schedule you with as little as a week's notice, but your chance of getting the date you want improves if you schedule earlier. In the fall, we schedule approximately 70 percent of our dates for the upcoming year.

Parking

There is free street parking around the Clark Center. There is metered street parking around Doreen's Place.

Recipes

Two great website resources are [All Recipes](#) and [More Big Recipes](#). Please also see the terrific sample recipes on our [website](#) provided by our meal providers.

Prohibitions

Please do not prepare any food with poppy seeds because they interfere with drug tests that we perform. In addition, because many of our clients struggle with addictions or are in recovery, we ask that you not use alcohol as an ingredient in any meal—such as wine sauce.

Get Started

Please contact our volunteer coordinator for more information or to schedule a meal date:

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