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# Meal Server Volunteer

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## Why do we Need Meal Servers?

Each year Our House provides over 77,000 meals to homeless men, women and children. This is no easy task. We rely heavily on the kindness of individuals and organizations to feed our grateful residents. Our House continues to search for new partnerships throughout the community to assist with our meal program and would love for your organization to become a member of our family. Not one of these meals would be possible without community members sharing their experiences and engaging friends and loved ones to join us in investing in the lives of homeless individuals and families.

## The Role of a Server Volunteer

Meal service is one of the most accessible opportunities to directly impact residents in our shelter and show love and care to our community. Volunteers provide, prepare and serve wholesome and nutritious meals, giving our residents the security of knowing where their next meal is coming from, that it will be filling and served with a smile.

**Description of Tasks**

- Preparing the food
- Knowledge of food being served
- Responsible for the setup of meals
- Responsible for serving clients in a pleasant, efficient, courteous and professional manner.
- Prepare to serve 35 people for lunch during the weekdays. During the weekends for lunch you should prepare to serve 40 people. For dinner each day we will have at least 80 people. Breakfast on the weekdays and weekends also plan to prepare for 80 people.
- Be able to prepare one or two days before the meal, someone from your group should purchase all the food you'll need for your meal.

**Preferred Meal Times**

<b>Main Shelter</b>	
Weekday (Mon-Fri)	6:00a.m Breakfast 12:00p.m. Lunch 6:00a.m. Dinner
Weekends (Sat-Sun)	8:00a.m. Breakfast 12:00p.m. Lunch 6:00p.m. Dinner

Groups who cook their meal at Our House can arrive as early as they like to prepare. After you serve the meal, you are always welcome to stay and eat with the residents. It is a great opportunity to connect to the people you are serving!

**Preferred Skills and Qualifications**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Regularly required to stand; reach with hands and arms; and stoop, kneel, or crouch</li><li>● Light lifting /unloading/moving of food supplies</li><li>● Use basic kitchen equipment safely</li><li>● Work indoors, outdoors, in the sun, in the heat, or in the cold</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Be comfortable volunteering within a group or individually</li><li>● Good verbal and communication skills</li><li>● Maintain appropriate water temperature and food temperatures</li><li>● Comfortable working with different religious affiliations, ethnicities, and orientations</li><li>● Attention to detail and ability to work unsupervised</li></ul>
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### Training and Support

All Our House volunteers receive a tour around the Our House campus, and they get training on the aspects of their volunteer role. Meal servers also receive support, advice, and guidance from the Shelter Supervisor and other Our House staff.

### Benefits to Volunteer

All Our House volunteers have the opportunity to make a difference in somebody's life. Meal service offers the opportunity to directly impact residents in our shelter and our community. Volunteers provide, prepare and serve wholesome and nutritious meals, giving our residents security of where their next meal is coming from.

### Application Procedure

Scheduling: Review our calendar at <http://ourhouseshelter.org/mealcalendar/> to find a date that works best for you. Coordinate a date by email [meals@ourhouseshelter.org](mailto:meals@ourhouseshelter.org). You can serve one time or you can serve on the same day of the week each month (for example, you can serve the 5th Tuesday of each month)

### Contact Information

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