

Café Outreach Team

BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY



It takes 350+ volunteers a week to open our doors, and by becoming a Café Outreach Team, you will be providing a place for your neighbors to dine and socialize.

Build a team of 6 to 8 people who will provide a nutritious lunch for approximately 125 people. Then prepare and serve that lunch on a Saturday, Sunday, or major holiday in OUR Center's Community Café!

Great for team building, company engagement, mission efforts, families, or service groups!



For more information, contact Steve at 303-772-5529 x235 or steve@ourcenter.org.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a minimum age to volunteer? Yes, you must be 16 years or older to be behind the serving counter (cook, serve hot food, or clean). However, children 13 to 15 years old can serve drinks and desserts in a non-hazard location. Please contact the Director of Volunteer Services for other ways children under 16 can assist.

How do we know what to cook? Great question! You may prepare any nutritious meal you would like within the time allowed. Think of it as preparing a meal for your family that contains a protein, grain, vegetable, and fruit. You are welcome to serve sandwiches with sides or maybe you have a great spaghetti recipe you want to share! We have menu ideas with a matching shopping list if you need some inspiration!

What if we are able to provide people to cook and serve but unable to purchase the ingredients? No problem! Simply inform the Director of Volunteer Services and our team will use resources to help. You can also solicit sponsors as a group to help with cost. (Please provide details on donor information for our records.)

What if we can purchase the food/ingredients but don't have enough people for a team? No problem! The "Café Outreach Sponsor" is another great option. Ask the Director of Volunteer Services for more information.

How much should we cook? On average, we serve about 125 people during weekend lunches. See our menu ideas for serving quantities.

What if I don't have enough people to help? We understand that it might be difficult to gather 6-8 people for a weekend or holiday, but don't let this stop you. We have ongoing volunteers that may be able to assist you.

We are not experienced cooks; can we still participate? Of course! We can help with shopping list, recipes, checklists, and the ins and outs of a commercial kitchen. All you need to bring is the food, willingness to work, and a great attitude!

What time(s) must we be there? You must arrive between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. and stay until approximately 2:00 p.m. You will be serving lunch from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Can we evangelize or solicit business during this time? We appreciate all faiths and organizations; however, we ask that you refrain from evangelizing or soliciting our clients.

What acknowledgement do we get for becoming a Café Outreach Team? We don't take our volunteers and sponsorships lightly. In fact, the OUR Center wouldn't be here without you. We make every effort to spotlight your team on social media and our "e-news". We will also have a sign in the Café advertising your group while you are serving lunch.

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