



A Christ-Centered Mission at Community First! Village

The Gathering 'Bring A Meal' Reference Sheet

Thank you for volunteering to bring a meal to The Gathering. Please read through this document as it outlines the 'bring a meal' role which is typically a responsibility of a small group. You will be serving a meal that will serve approximately sixty folks who are a part of the The Gathering worship service at Community First! Village. You are encouraged to mingle with neighbors before/after service and form a relationship with the neighbors that call Community First! Village home.

The Gathering hosts worship at Community First Village at **9301 Hog Eye Rd, Austin, TX 78724**. We meet at "Unity Hall" in the Sanctuary – large air-conditioned covered space in the back half of the building. Access a map of the village [here](#).

Volunteer orientation starts at 4:30pm with service starting at 5:00 and the meal served immediately afterward (usually around 5:45). Clean up will happen around 6:45. Please anticipate serving **sixty meals**. Our neighbors greatly appreciate the hot meals and the fellowship it sparks, and it is always a highlight of their weekend.

A few items to consider:

- If you intend to serve hot food, please make sure you have necessary heating units to keep hot food hot, or coolers to keep cold food cold. If you need steam tables with aluminum trays and sterno heaters, let us know ahead of time.
- Please bring all necessary items to serve the meal including:
 - Paper Products (plates, necessary plasticware, and napkins)
 - **A full meal including a protein, at least one vegetable, a starch, dessert, and drink.**
 - Example 1: Lasagna with garlic bread, roasted carrots, kale salad w/ poppyseed dressing, cookies, water
 - Example 2: Chicken Fajitas (& toppings) with rice, beans, peppers & onions, cake, lemonade & iced tea
 - Water bottles are preferred but other drinks (Gatorade, soda, etc.) are welcome as well.
 - Serving Utensils, gloves, paper towels (for spills) and/or bleach wipes
- There will be up to four additional volunteers available to help set up and tear down. If you intend to serve a plated meal, please bring enough volunteers with your group to serve.
- Several tables are available on-site to form a buffet serving line.
- Trash receptacles are provided.

Please contact Dustin Hite at (309) 215-7754 or Melissa Shaffer at (812) 371-2360 if you have additional questions that need answered or assistance getting to CF!V. One of us will meet you at Unity Hall at 4:30 on Sunday. On the day of, please park along the fire lane near Unity Hall to unload supplies. Once unloaded, cars can be parked in a nearby parking area.

Thank you for your generosity, and see you Sunday at 4:30!



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