



Volunteer Expectations

WE are a relational ministry. We desire to form relationship with the people we encounter on the streets who currently find themselves homeless. Through our consistent weekly feedings, we build friendships and trust and earn the right to speak the gospel into their lives. The power of the gospel is the only thing that will truly “save them”. We are NOT responsible for their decision. We go because God commands us go. We trust in Him alone to rescue them as He has rescued us. The following are some guidelines and expectations while serving.

1. Please arrive on time (9:00 AM Cooking & 10:30 AM Serving) for serving.
2. When serving, it helps to be a rubber band! (Be Flexible)
3. We keep our teams small to avoid volunteers standing around with nothing to do; however, there may be times while the food is in the oven cooking that we are waiting.
4. **DO NOT** wear flip flops, sandals or crocs! (broken glass on the streets)
5. Prayer is vitally important to our ministry; we pray before we go out and we pray after we return. The return prayer is often more important since we have been exposed to all sorts of spiritual warfare. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not pass on this opportunity to PRAY.
6. Many first-time volunteers may have preconceived ideas regarding the homeless. We ask you, as best you can, to set aside these notions and allow God to give you a heart of compassion and empathy.
7. Be respectful of our friends we are serving (remember, in their eyes, they are not broken and do not need fixing) Choose to see them through Christ's eyes.
8. We serve along I-45 from Rayford/Sawdust to Crosstimbers. This is accomplished in three routes. Each truck will hold 5 volunteers and a route leader.
9. Volunteers are asked to rotate around several tasks at each stop: 1. serve the food, 2. hand out drinks, bread clothes & hygiene kits (2 volunteers), 3. Transcribe (usually the same volunteer for the day or route leader), 4. Mingle, converse and prayer with the homeless while they're eating, 5. round up homeless at the intersection (route leader may do this)
10. Do not wonder off from the truck unless under the direction of the route leader.
11. When individual prayer is requested, please men pray with men and women pray with women. If not possible, then two pray with the individual.
12. Completion of serving times are not set in stone. We usually finish before 2:30; however, there are many things on the streets which we have no control over (traffic due to construction or accident) and so on occasion we do not finish by 2:30.
13. Serving includes cleaning the warmers, rinsing out ice chests and trucks, washing pans and dishes when we return for the day. Since not all routes finish and return at the same time, cleaning and praying can be done in route teams vs. the whole group collectively. Please don't leave until after prayer.