

meal sponsorship opportunities

Community Shelter Board opened a new center with multiple shelter programs – Van Buren Center – to address the growing numbers of men, women and families experiencing homelessness.

We rely on volunteers to either underwrite the food costs of the evening meal or prepare the food themselves.

Here are the options:

MEAL	COST	TIME	BRING
Dinner Sponsor	\$500	5:30 – 7:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">up to 15 people to serve dinner, or have Community Shelter Board recruit volunteers
Dinner Host	TBD	4:00 – 7:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prepare the meal in the Van Buren kitchen <i>e.g. protein, vegetable/fruit and starch to serve 150 women or 200 family members or both.</i>8-10 people to prepare the meal. Members can stay and serve the meal if they wish.



Ways to make it happen:

Dinner Sponsor

- Consider seeking a sponsorship or match opportunity from your employer.
- Bring your book club, sorority, fraternity, alumni group or small group from church. For a group with 10 volunteers, the cost would be \$50 per person, and CSB will recruit the balance of volunteers needed. For a group with 15-20 members, the cost would be \$25-\$33 per person.
- For a group of 20, consider individual fundraising efforts by each person. If each group member raises \$100 in 2017, that covers four meal servings in one year.
- Invite friends to help you celebrate your birthday by providing and serving a meal. For a group of 15-20 friends, their gift to you can be a donation of \$25-\$33 per person.

Dinner Host

- Gather a group of family or friends to each bring an item for the meal. All you need is a protein, a vegetable/fruit and a starch. Then cook it together in the fully equipped Van Buren kitchen.
- This is a great opportunity for people to work together and get to know one another better, either from the workplace, neighborhood or faith community.
- Challenge your favorite local chef to work with your group to cook the evening meal together.

For more information on the meal sponsorship program, contact Cary Simonton at 614-715-2030 x211 or volunteer@csb.org.

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