



SERVING DINNER

Providing dinner for the parents and children of our shelter is one of the most important services our volunteers provide.

FAQ

- **How many will we serve?** 50
- **How many volunteers are usually needed to serve dinner?** 5-8. Our kitchen can only accommodate 10 people.
- **Can children help serve dinner?** Due to safety regulations, children under the age of 15 are not permitted in the kitchen. However, they can help serve dinner in the dining room area.
- **What time period is dinner usually served?** Dinner is served promptly at 6:30 pm. Volunteers normally arrive to start preparing at 5:00, depending on what you're serving.
- **Is there a kitchen that we can use at Nicholas House, or should we bring the food already prepared?** We have an industrial sized kitchen you can use, or you can prepare food at home. You can also pick up food at your favorite restaurant.
- **What should we bring?** In addition to the food you will serve, please also bring disposable cups, plates, cutlery and napkins.
- **What should we serve for dinner?** Evening meals consist of a main dish (meat/fish), vegetable, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage (iced-tea, lemonade, milk, juice, soft drinks). Note: Our residents will appreciate any meal served. However, spaghetti is served most often so other meal options are encouraged.
- **Is the meal served buffet style, or at tables?** The residents sit at tables and they can come up one at a time to be served dinner, or they can remain seated and the food can be brought to them.
- **What items can we count on using from your kitchen?** We have pots, pans and cooking utensils. Please bring everything you will need to prepare your meal and beverages.
- **Would it be possible for us to get a tour of the House?** There will only be one staff member working at the time of your visit and she may not be able to break away from her duties with the residents to conduct a tour. However, I invite you to attend one of our regular tours held the 3rd Saturday of the month or I can schedule a private tour for you and your group anytime during the weekday or evening.