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Dear Friend

Thank you for your interest in becoming a meal provider for Volunteers of America's Crosswalk program.

VOA's Crosswalk is a center for homeless and at-risk youth located in downtown Spokane. Crosswalk provides food, shelter, education and support for youth ages 13-20. With the help of the community, we are able to help young people find a sense of belonging in a safe environment that allows them to avoid or leave the streets. Our aim is to re-unite families, supply survival necessities, teach self-sufficiency and offer hope and support to kids who desperately need it.

By providing meals 365 days per year, Crosswalk is able to gain the trust of hungry kids and support them as they begin to make positive changes. Most of the meals provided at Crosswalk come from people like you who want to make a difference in the lives of kids. Currently we have 54 volunteer groups and individuals that provide meals on a regular basis. With your help, we hope to raise that number to 70 or more.

Most meal providers bring one meal per month or come to prepare a meal using items from our food pantry. Some meal providers stay and serve the meals and others deliver the food for our staff and volunteers to serve. The number of meals needed varies depending on the day of the week and the time of the year. The attached information sheet will give you an idea of the amount of food needed for the day that your group volunteers. The sheet also outlines six possible ways to be a Crosswalk meal provider.

It may also be possible to deduct the cost of the meal from your taxes as a charitable donation. We are happy to provide a receipt to any meal provider who requests one. If you would like to become a meal provider or if you would like more information, please contact me at (509) 8386596 ext. 111 or kmccruden@voaspokane.org.

We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry McCruden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kerry McCruden
Crosswalk Volunteer Coordinator

THANK YOU FOR FEEDING OUR KIDS

Most of our meals are provided by churches and civic organizations on a once-a-month basis. However, individuals and families are also invited to provide a meal. This may be done once or on a regular basis contact the volunteer coordinator, Kerry McCrudden (kmccrudden@voaspokane.org or 509-838-6596, ext. 111) to arrange a date.

OPTIONS FOR DONATING LUNCH (served at 12 noon)

Bring food and prepare it in Crosswalk's commercial kitchen (green salads, veggie and fruit trays and non-dairy desserts can be made at home if you wish) and serve it to the kids. Please allow enough preparation time so that lunch may be served at 12 noon.

1. Prepare food in another commercial kitchen and bring it to Crosswalk. Serve it to the kids. Please arrive by 11:40 a.m. to allow time for set-up.
2. Purchase or prepare food in a commercial kitchen and drop it off by 11:30 a.m. for the Crosswalk staff to serve.
3. Bring ingredients for a meal and drop it off by 10:00 a.m. for the Crosswalk staff to prepare and serve.
4. Arrange a time to cook and serve a meal. We will provide food from our pantry for you to prepare.
5. Donate money for a meal

SUMMER LUNCH QUANTITIES (June through Aug.)

- School Days (T, W, Th) 30 people
- Non-school Days (M,F) 25 people
- Weekends 25 people

SCHOOL YEAR LUNCH QUANTITIES (Sept. through May)

- School Days (M-Th) 35-40 people
- Weekends (F, Sa, Sun) 25 people

OPTIONS FOR DONATING DINNER (served at 6 p.m.)

1. Bring food and prepare it in Crosswalk's commercial kitchen (green salads veggie and fruit trays and non-dairy desserts can be made at home) and serve it to the kids. Please allow enough preparation time so that dinner may be served at 6 p.m.
2. Purchase or prepare food in another commercial kitchen and bring it to Crosswalk. Serve it to the kids. Please arrive by 5:40 p.m. to allow time for set-up.
3. Prepare food and drop it off for the Crosswalk staff to serve. Please arrive by 5:40 p.m.
4. Bring ingredients for a meal and drop it off by 4:00 p.m. for the Crosswalk staff to prepare and serve.
5. Arrange a time to cook and serve a meal. We will provide food from our pantry for you to prepare.
6. Donate money for a meal.

DINNER QUANTITIES

- Weekdays (M-F) 25-30 people
- Weekends (Sa, Sun) 20-25 people

MONTHLY MEAL PROVIDERS

Most of Crosswalk's meals are provided by generous groups who provide food on a once-a-month basis (i.e. every 2nd Tuesday). Depending on regular meal providers not only feeds the bodies and souls of the street youth and at-risk teens at Crosswalk, it also frees up the resources of our staff, who can then continue to help those who need our help the most. To volunteer for one of the open spots below, please contact volunteer coordinator Kerry McCrudden (kmccrudden@voaspokane.org or 509-838-6596, ext. 111).

AVAILABLE MONTHLY LUNCH DAYS (Served at 12 noon)

- The 2nd & 4th Monday of each month
- The 5th Tuesday of each month
- The 3rd & 5th Wednesday of each month
- The 5th Thursday of each month
- The 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday of each month
- The 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturday of each month
- The 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday of each month

AVAILABLE MONTHLY DINNER DAYS (Served at 6pm)

- The 2nd Monday of each month
- The 2nd & 3rd Tuesday of each month
- The 1st Thursday of each month
- The 1st, 2nd, & 4th Saturday of each month
- The 2nd Sunday of each month