

CARE OF POOR PEOPLE SURVIVAL EVENT

VOLUNTEERING DETAILS

November 25th and 26th, 2011

VOLUNTEER TIMES:

Friday: Set up from 8:00 to 5:00 pm

Saturday: Sorting and Cooking 8:00 am to 11:45 am

Saturday: 12:00 to 4:00 - Open event serving the community

Saturday : Take down and clean up help is needed from 2:30 to 4:30

CHECKING IN: All Volunteers need to check in at the table at parking lot entrance. You will be given a lanyard to wear and we ask that you wear it the entire time that you are working at the event. Please also remember to bring your same lanyard back on Saturday if you are working both days to help us cut down on our costs.

Monetary Donations will also be accepted if you wish to do so. Please do not give your monetary donations to anyone other than Mr. Tripp.

LOCATION: 205 East 9th street, Kansas City MO at the Grand Avenue Methodist Temple.

PARKING

FRIDAY PARKING - We have secured about 25 spots in a parking garage across the street on McGee. It looks like a whole in the side of the building with a sign above that says "Union Bus Terminal". If that lot is full then you will want to drive around the block and park across from the courthouse on 9th street inside of Pickwick Parking Garage. However, They will charge you \$5 per day to park there. You will see the locations are marked on the attached map for you. You may of course find some parking on the streets as well.

SATURDAY PARKING- Parking is easy on Saturday. You will be able to park in the big open parking lot next to the courthouse on 9th Street , and just about anywhere else you want for free. Please look at a map and familiarize yourself with the one way streets before you need to make the drive.

ATTIRE: Dress comfortably! This event is held outdoors primarily. There will be some portions of the event going on inside the church though, so you will want to wear layers. You will want to wear clothing that you don't mind getting a bit dirty and wear gloves as well. Please do not lay your coats or jackets down at the event though because they may get mistaken for being a donation!

AGES:

Adults and teenagers can help us do many needed things and children will have a good experience by being there as well. We often have quite a few children helping out but anyone under the age of 15 must be with an adult at all times.

DONATIONS:

We need new items as well as gently used items to hand out. We appreciate all donations of gently used clothing items, bedding, shoes, toys, luggage, toiletries etc. Our greatest needs at this time would be comfortable shoes, blankets, socks, NEW underclothing for men women and children, and coats.

For those who like to cook we invite you to bring down a covered dish of ANYTHING you choose to the event! We need main dishes, side dishes, meats...etc. We serve food of all types and feed A LOT of people. You can bring down hot or cold items on Saturday from 8:00 am till 11:30 am. We can reheat food at the event if we need to but can not refrigerate anything.

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP: *All volunteers should report to volunteer sign in area when they get there and check in to get your badge.*

FRIDAY , 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM . *You can show up to volunteer whatever hours work for you.*

Our greatest need for the general event is to have people there on Friday (the day before the event) to help sort donations. There are so many donations to go through and get set out that we never get through them all before Saturday but having most of it done on Friday makes Saturday morning easier. We will be sorting through donations and separating and organizing the item pick up areas on Friday.

SATURDAY – 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM - 8am to 11:30 am is sorting and set up time . 12-4 is Event time.
All volunteers should arrive by 9:30 AM unless they are staying late for clean up.

Our greatest need is for morning time. We have till 11:30 to do more sorting and setting out of donated items. There is the kitchen and cooking going at this time to prepare the meal for the day. We set up a HUGE meal for this event and have a dessert table set up as well. So whether you want to help with foods or donations, if you get there in the morning there is plenty of work to be done that you can help with!

WHAT TO EXPECT when the event starts:

All the last minute details are tended to between 8 and noon on Saturday. All the cooking is done during the morning time as well and the tables are lined with food!

At Noon, the doors are opened and the people are allowed in. There will be hundreds coming through the doors very quickly. There is generally a bit of madness for the next hour or so as they are trying to quickly get to the best items offered then it settles down into them looking around for things they want and enjoying a good meal and socializing.

The event has never had any problems whatsoever, but we do have security police officers there on Saturday during the time the doors are open to make sure the calm is kept. You will see homeless men, women and children there on Saturday as well as some people that are living at poverty levels and simply need the extra help. It's been a hard year with the housing problems and so many layoffs in our corporate community. We want to help all that we can.

During the open session, We try to help our guest find what they are looking for and act as “personal shoppers” or hold their babies while they look at things, or guide them to areas for items they need, or simply just reorganize the items that we have laid out to keep things somewhat easy to find. No matter what you choose to do, it's making a difference in the lives of others and you should feel good about that.

