



MEAL CENTER PROJECT UPDATE

Saint Patrick Parish, 118 South Broadway, Lawrence, MA

In the first issue of the Cor Unum Meal Center Project Update (December 2002), we observed that: "Few opportunities such as this present themselves wherein each of us can so truly 'make a difference' in the lives of others."

Now, not quite four years after that first issue, construction is being finalized and operations are scheduled to begin.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, hundreds, if not thousands, of people have worked and supported this project, a project based on the Christian pursuit of love of God and neighbor; committed to the truth that no man, woman, or child should ever be hungry; and dedicated to welcoming and serving all who are in need with the utmost dignity, love, and respect; with open hands, listening ears, and loving hearts.

Volunteers will be critical in moving forward to full operation of the meal center. Here is a partial listing and brief description of the many volunteer opportunities integral to its successful operation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Food Donation Coordinator

Arranges for the timely and efficient processing of food product donation pick-ups and deliveries.

Donation Pick-Up Drivers

Assist the Donation Coordinator by picking up donations of food, supplies and equipment.

Inventory Assistants

Maintain a log of all food and supplies in stock on a regular basis.

Stock Persons

Insure that the stock room is maintained in an organized and neat manner.

Kitchen Supervisors

Oversee operation of the kitchen, preparation of food, and arrangement of food on individual plates.

Menu/Meal Coordinators

Plan meals following established guidelines for nutritional balance, diversity of food choice, tastiness of foods, and cost control.

Chefs/Cooks

Prepare foods according to a pre-arranged menu and prescribed recipes.

Food Servers

Fill individual plates according to chef's instructions.

Greeters

Provide a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for diners.

Waiters/ Waitresses

Pick-up prepared meals from kitchen and serve to guests.

Dishwashers

Clean dishes, utensils, glasses, pots, pans and equipment.

Kitchen Clean-Up Workers

Maintain an orderly and organized kitchen - sorting and putting away plates, etc.

Dining Room Clean-Up Workers

Remove items from tables, sanitize tables and chairs.

Security Monitors

Maintain a calm and healthy family dining atmosphere by quietly addressing and resolving any individual person's disruptive or unruly behavior.

Grounds Keepers

Supervisors a team to maintain the safety and beauty of the outside areas.

VOLUNTEER FAIR

You are invited to tour the meal center and learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities.

**Saturday, September 9
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.**

**Sunday, September 10
8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

Contact Diane Jarvis, Cor Unum Meal Center Executive Director, at (978) 984-0110 or by e-mail to <info@corunummealcenter.org>, for further information, or to submit your e-mail address to receive future meal center communications electronically.

As a Stewardship Parish, we share our time, talent and treasure to help build the Kingdom of God. What better way to live our discipleship in Jesus Christ than in response to the following?

"For I was hungry and you gave me food" - Matthew 25:35

**Ed Sampson, Chairman
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