

# Helpful Hints for Serving at Druid Hills Men's Shelter

## What:

The volunteers are tasked with feeding 30 hungry men a hearty meal.

Therefore portions of the meal need to be divided up accordingly.

No more than 4-5 volunteers needed to help serve...otherwise there are too many cooks in the kitchen!

What has worked in the past:

- Chili with salad and a side (casserole/veggie) also dessert (ice cream and bundt cake from Publix was a big hit.
- Big tins of lasagna with a big salad and dessert
- Chicken fingers
- Meatloaf
- Also have someone bring some liters of soda as all they have there is coffee and tea.

## Where:

Druid Hills Night Shelter on Ponce de Leon at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church

## When:

Volunteers should arrive at 6:15pm. This allows time for set up. Cups/plates/plastic silverware and napkins are provided. There are also serving utensils there- but is good to get there 15 minutes early so that you can locate everything and have it set up by 6:30pm.

## How:

- Set up the meal along the bar and have volunteers serve the men one by one assembly line style this way there is enough for everyone.
- There is a microwave and oven/stovetop should your meal need to be warmed up slightly.
- Prior to the meal, Bill Smith the night Manager will lead everyone in prayer
- Then the serving of the meal begins. Keep in mind that when you first arrive not all of the men will be there as many of them have night shifts that they will be coming from - therefore it is good to know there will be a constant flow and it is smart to prepare a few extra plates with leftovers before leaving/clean-up.
- Clean-up say goodbye mingle!

## A side note: (or Who)

All of these guys are very grateful and so nice in their receiving of the meal- it makes you feel good just to be there! Several of them are even outgoing and will joke around and try and converse- it's great to get to know them and their shinning personalities while you are there- you'll get even more out of your experience than you imagined!