At-will Volunteering

Volunteering with Project Food is an at-will opportunity. We will do our best to meet your expectations by matching your skills and desire with the best volunteer opportunity available. As a volunteer, Project Food commits to providing you with the best opportunity possible.

While volunteering at Project Food, you will:

- Be assigned appropriate tasks according to your skills, interest, availability, and training.
- ♥ Be treated as a fellow team member.
- Be given appropriate expressions of appreciation and recognition.
- ♥ Make suggestions that will be acknowledged and valued by staff.
- ♥ Be treated with friendliness and cooperation.
- Be provided a safe and inviting work environment.

Some of your tasks may include:

Interacting with guests, setting up tables and chairs, serving food and drinks, greeting guests at the door, gathering remaining aprons, napkins, rags to be put in the laundry basket, throwing away trash, wiping tables and chairs with bleach/water solution, stacking chairs on the tables, sweeping the floor, and mopping the floors as necessary.



Project Food

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> Hours for prep: 3-5:30pm Guest hours: 5:30-6:30pm Clean-up: 6:30-7:00pm





WELCOME TO PROJECT FOOD



Praise God that we are called to care. Praise God that we have gifts to share. Praise God who guides us on our way. To live our lives in love each day. Amen!

Thank you for volunteering with Project Food!

Project Food is a social service project of First Congregational Church that began in 1984 in response to the increasing numbers of homeless near the downtown area. Our understanding of God's work leads us to address the needs of the homeless and poor of our community through Project Food.

Project Food provides a weekly hot meal and includes a program for the children in a non-threatening, caring environment. Project Food makes an effort to coordinate services and cooperate with appropriate public agencies and other churches. The program includes ongoing assessment of needs as well as yearly re-evaluations by the Project Food Board.

Project Food serves from 170 to over 200 guests every week of the year. Thanks to regular volunteers of about 20 each week to over 50 during the holidays, there has never been a Wednesday night that the church doors do not open and welcome their guests. Project Food continues to operate thanks to the kind people and organizations who donate their time and gifts of food, clothes and toiletries.

Volunteer Conduct

Project Food expects you to conduct yourself with respect and common courtesy to others at all times and wants your volunteer experience to be a positive one.

Dress Code

Project Food is a professional institution and as such must project a professional image and manner. Neatness and modesty in dress and significantly affect manner the perceptions and credibility of the agency to guests, volunteers, donors, vendors and the general public. Dress code is also critical to ensure the safety of our volunteers as well as to preserve the quality of the food.

Drug-free Volunteer Environment

Project Food maintains a drug-free environment in accordance with the provisions of the California Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990. Project Food strictly prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of any controlled substance in the volunteer environment. We are also a smoke free facility.

Safety Policy

You and Project Food share the responsibility of establishing and maintaining a safe work environment. Project Food will attempt to ensure a safe work environment that complies with federal, state, and local safety regulations. In turn, you are expected to obey safety rules and to exercise caution in all of your work activities.

More details on these topics as well as information on the Volunteer Projection Act and Project Food's sexual harassment policy can be found on our website.

A Positive Volunteer Experience

Your volunteer time, talent and commitment are valuable to Project Food and to the individuals we serve. We fully anticipate that your volunteer experience with us will be both fulfilling and meaningful for you. Please know that you are making a difference in the lives of those you are helping. Depending on your volunteer duties and length of service, you may or may not personally observe the direct impact of your efforts on the families served, but just one positive experience can be life changing.