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What is the Supporting St. Paul's Episcopal Church Coordinator doing?

8/26, 12:18 AM - Initial e-mailings of volunteer orientation letter.

8/26, 6:00 PM - Begin phoning each volunteer to determine their specific contribution.

8/30, 10:00 PM - Complete initial phoning.

8/31, - Finalize donation specifics. Still incomplete.

9/4, 2:30 AM - Update documentation with Hosting Church Coordinator's critique.

9/4, 1:00 PM - Volunteer update.

9/5, 5:00 PM - 8:45 PM - Received orientation by picking-up a family at the IHN day center and being an Evening Host along with Lucie Russell, the Hosting Church Coordinator.

9/6, 5:30 PM - Checked with Hosting Church Coordinator on current family attendance. 9/6, 6:30 PM - Volunteer update.

What day is the Supporting St. Paul's Episcopal Church assisting the Hosting First Presbyterian Church?

Tuesday, September 7, the day after Labor Day, from 3:30 PM to Wednesday, September 8, 7:30 AM. See the 'Schedule' document for a summary of events.

What should a Host remember when dealing with guests?

Fellowship with families is not always welcome. Allow the guest to lead any conversation or not talk much at all if so desired. Do not pry into the guest's personal situation unless the guest brings it up first.

Families pack their own lunches when they wish, some in the evening and some in the morning.

Assist with but do not serve breakfast. Families might eat breakfast at the church, during transport, or at the Day Center.

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Church Coordinator will always be present with the Hosts during the evening and night they are volunteering.

Do Overnight Hosts have to stay awake all night?

No. If you wish, bring sleeping attire. An air mattress will be supplied but bring your own pillow and sheets. Remain ready to assist guests. Awaken at 6:00 AM to monitor guests waking up by 6:30 AM. The Supporting Church Coordinator will bring an alarm clock.

How many families and individuals are expected? How much food should I prepare?

A maximum of 4 families or 16 individuals. At least half of the individuals will be children. The Supporting Church Coordinator will be at the Hosting Church on Sunday, September 5, and be in touch with the Hosting Church Coordinator on Monday, September 6 to determine a more exact Tuesday, September 7 attendance. Any foods disliked by guests will also be determined. The "Needs" document will be updated accordingly. Add the 2 adult Evening Hosts and 1 Supporting Church Coordinator to the attendance for dinner.

As of Wednesday, September 1, 11 children and 4 adults are expected.

As of Friday, September 3, 11 children and 5 adults are expected.

As of Monday, September 5, 11 children and 5 adults are expected.

What foods should I prepare and bring?

Initial suggestions have been made on the 'Needs' document. Use that as a guide, choose exactly what you will bring, and have it approved by both the Supporting and Host Church Coordinator.

How do I make a monetary donation? Place any cash or check in an envelope marked with 'From' and your name and 'for Housing Homeless 6/27/23, 5:20 PM Questions



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Supporting Church Coordinator, Dave Watts, at the Supporting St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, September 7, between 4:00 and 4:30 PM, or at the Hosting First Presbyterian Church after 4:30 PM.

What should I do with my food or other donation?

Deliver your 'marked' food and other donations to the Supporting Church kitchen, our St. Paul's Episcopal Church, between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 7. Include any instructions. The Supporting Church Coordinator and Evening Hosts will transfer the donations to the Hosting Church between 4:00 PM and 5:15 PM. Please do not deliver any later than 4:00 PM so transfers to the Hosting Church may be done well before the guest families arrive at 5:30 PM.

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