

OSLC COMMUNITY OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

as of September 2023

Please read through this list and thoughtfully consider how you can contribute your gifts of time and talent to these outreach events (as part of a team). Today in Anderson Hall you'll find a sign-up sheet for each volunteer opportunity; please add your name to the one(s) you're interested in helping with, and you'll be contacted with more information. Thank you!

Questions? Contact Cheryl Leiter or Connie Fletcher through the church office (office@oslcissaquah.org). Thank you!

ISSAQUAH FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVES – 6 times per year.

Responsibilities:

- Secure list of most-needed items from Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank website (issaquahfoodbank.org) and the dates for the donation drop-offs at the off-site warehouse located at 930 7th Avenue NW in Issaquah.
- Publicize the dates of the event and list the needed items in the Thursday update email and Sunday bulletin (email information to Cynthia @ office@oslcissaquah.org).
- Recruit 2 people to gather contributions from OSLC and deliver to the warehouse.

FOOD BANK ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Responsibilities:

- Collect new or gently used winter coats (teen size 14 and up and adult winter coats) for their Winter Coat Event.
- Publicize the collection dates in the weekly Thursday update email and Sunday bulletin (email information to Cynthia @ office@oslcissaquah.org).
- Set up tables in the narthex for collection.
- Gather items and work with the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank to drop off items at their off-site warehouse.

PASSAGE POINT WELCOME BASKETS – Once or twice a year, depending on need.

Responsibilities:

- Contact Cheryl or Connie for the list of items needed for the baskets. Ask for the maximum that can be spent from the Community Outreach budget.
- Shop for designated items to fill each basket on the list from Walmart or other online source. Submit goldenrod receipt for reimbursement from the Community Outreach Fund.
- Recruit 2 others to help fill the baskets and deliver to Passage Point after calling ahead.

MAYOR'S DAY OF CONCERN – Community Effort to Support the Food Bank (Fall)

Responsibilities:

- Pick up flyers and signs at the Issaquah Food Bank for use the following day.
- Recruit at least 2 to 3 volunteers to pass out flyers at grocery stores, encouraging the community to donate, and another 2 volunteers to load cars and shuttle the food to the warehouse. Collect food and drop off at the IFCB off-site warehouse.
- Contact the Issaquah Food Bank and let them know if you prefer an Issaquah or Sammamish grocery store, and they will assign your group to one of the stores.
- Bring shopping bags, boxes, or crates to collect the donated food.

COMMUNITY MEALS PROGRAM

Responsibilities:

- Plan the meal, shop for groceries, and lead a team of volunteers in the preparation for the Community Meal. Turn in receipts for the purchased food and complete a goldenrod reimbursement form. Confirm who will be available to help in the preparation and serving of the dinner.
- Serve as a member of the team that prepares a dinner for about 40 individuals on the second Tuesday or the third Thursday of each month.
- Provide a dessert for the meal and deliver it to the church.
- Transport and serve the meals at the Community Hall. Assist the CCS staff to tidy up the Hall after the meal is served.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVES

Responsibilities:

- Two Sundays prior to Thanksgiving, set up a small Thanksgiving tree with leaf tags to request \$25 gift cards from Fred Meyer, Target, Walmart, and Amazon for the Issaquah Food Bank's Holiday Gift Barn. The tree will be up for the last three Sundays in November.
- Before the first Sunday in December, set up a small Christmas tree display with gift card tags--usually \$25 gift cards from Fred Meyer, Target, McDonald's, and Safeway for those in need who come to the church office—as well as smaller denominations (\$10) from McDonald's and Starbucks for teens at Vine Maple Place. The tree will be up for the first three Sundays in December.
- Each Sunday, collect the gift cards and store them in the church office.

ANNUAL GIFT DRIVES FOR TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS AND ISSAQUAH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Responsibilities:

- Encourage members of the congregation to make monetary contributions to the Issaquah Schools Foundation for the Tools for Schools drive.
- Encourage members of the congregation to make monetary contributions to Issaquah Community Services to provide emergency aid to residents of the Issaquah School District in the form of utility payments and rent assistance.