

# meal serving opportunities

Community Shelter Board has opened a new center with multiple shelter programs – Van Buren Center – to address the growing numbers of men, women and families experiencing homelessness. Van Buren Center can accommodate more than 350 single adults and up to 64 families each night.

Community Shelter Board fully funds Freedom a la Cart to staff and operate the commercial kitchen for meals. With this partnership, Freedom has expanded its workforce development program to employ survivors of human trafficking. They handle meal planning and food preparation. We rely heavily on volunteers to augment this partnership by underwriting food costs and providing volunteers to help meal service run smoothly.

**There are a number of ways to join our meal serving program.**



MEAL	COST	TIME	BRING
<b>Breakfast</b>	\$200	6:00 – 8:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8-10 people to prepare and serve breakfast, or have Community Shelter Board recruit volunteers</li></ul>
<b>Lunch A</b>	\$300 or the food items for 100- 300 sack lunches	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5-7 people to prepare and serve lunch, or have Community Shelter Board recruit volunteers</li></ul>
<b>Lunch B</b> <i>ideal for an offsite project and/or for volunteers under the age of 14</i>	TBD <i>About \$3 per lunch if purchasing items at a grocery store</i>	anytime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>100 - 300 pre-assembled sack lunches <i>turkey &amp; cheese sandwich, fruit, chips or crackers, drink, dessert</i></li></ul>
<b>Dinner A</b>	\$500	5:30 – 8:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>up to 20 people to serve dinner, or have Community Shelter Board recruit volunteers</li></ul>
<b>Dinner B</b> <i>Sunday evening</i>	TBD	4:00 – 8:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>heat-and-eat food <i>frozen lasagna, vegetable/salad, bread to serve 200</i></li><li>8-10 people to prepare and serve the meal for families</li></ul>

## Think outside the box

- Consider seeking a sponsorship or match opportunity from your employer.
- Bring your book club, sorority or small group from church. For a group with 10 members doing Dinner A option, the cost would be \$50 per person, and CSB will recruit the balance of volunteers needed. For a group with 15-20 members, the cost would be \$25-\$33 per person.
- Raise funds with your group by holding a pancake breakfast or car wash.
- For a group of 20 doing Dinner A option, consider individual fundraising efforts by each person. If each group member raises \$100 in 2016, that covers four meal servings in one year.
- Invite friends to help you celebrate your birthday by providing and serving a meal. For a group of 15-20 friends, their gift to you can be a donation of \$25-\$33 per person for Dinner A option.

**For more information on the meal serving program, contact the volunteer coordinator at 614-715-2030 x211 or [volunteer@csb.org](mailto:volunteer@csb.org).**

Community Shelter Board is funded by the City of Columbus, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the United Way of Central Ohio, The Columbus Foundation, Nationwide Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Ohio, and many other public and private investors.