



Our mission: To connect young people to Christ and get them plugged into local churches where they can grow into lifelong followers of Christ.

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### For Teens After School Meal Ministry

The meal that we provide during our after-school program is an essential part of this ministry. Not only does it provide physical nourishment for teens, many of which don't have dinner waiting for them at home, but it provides us the opportunity to break bread with them and get to know them. This is where our mentoring relationships start and the platform for helping all teens to feel engaged and welcome in our space.

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

#### What's involved?

- Provide a meal for 15-20 teens.
  - This can be whatever you want. Examples: Chicken nuggets & tater tots, Mac and Cheese, pizza, or even your family favorite meal like chicken paprikas-
  - You can prepare it at home or in our kitchen.
- Deliver to our After School Program
  - 1480 Pearl Rd, Brunswick (we're across from the Middle School/ next to Volunteers of America)
  - Staff arrives at 2:30
  - Teens arrive at 2:45
  - We sit down to eat at 3:30.
- Stay to serve the meal.
  - Served from our kitchen window or family style at the table.
  - Serve beverages and snacks that we provide as well. This may involve mixing up kool-aid, lemonade, etc.
  - This is how the teens learn about your church and begin to create relationships with the people of your congregation.
- Clean up the kitchen area after the meal.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- Do our volunteers need to be background checked?
  - No. Because they are not there in a mentoring capacity and will not have direct contact with youth without the supervision of our staff, a background check is not necessary.
- Can we split the duties up among several people?
  - Absolutely! This is a great way to engage more of your congregation in the outreach ministry. One can make the meal, another deliver and serve it and someone else stay to clean up.
- Who pays for the meal?
  - If God is not calling your congregation/ congregational volunteer to cover the cost of the meal, receipts for reimbursement may be submitted to Stacey.
- Can we do this more than once a month?
  - Absolutely!
- How do we get involved?
  - Designate a Ministry leader (this will be our point of contact)
  - Have the Ministry Leader Contact Stacey: [Thatplace4teens@gmail.com](mailto:Thatplace4teens@gmail.com) or call at 216-276-0020
  - Pick an available day of the month and make the commitment to provide the meal for that day.
  - Announce the outreach opportunity to your congregation & create a sign-up sheet.
- What if one of our volunteers falls in love with the outreach work that is being done and wants to serve in other ways too?
  - We understand that once you come into the ministry and see all that God is doing through His people it's natural to want to be more involved and we can ALWAYS use more volunteers. To get more involved you'll just need to complete the volunteer application on our website. This process includes a background check (including fingerprints), interview, and training.