

A Note from the SVDP Meal Program Manager:

I would like to start off by thanking you for your support over the last 3 months, it has been a whirlwind to say the least and as we remain committed to feeding Milwaukee's hungry, despite the hurdles, you have been there every step of the way.

I will be sending a brief online Survey next week, that should only take a few minutes for you to complete but will help SVDP Meal Program chart a course for the future. For right now, we will continue operations as we did last month. Please let me elaborate:

1. We will continue to take volunteers using the Sign Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/25163681/slots/https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/25163681/slots/> Although we appreciate Meal Providers (Groups) trying to fill all of the slots themselves, this is not necessary. What we would appreciate is if you could share the SignUpGenius link with your members on the off chance that some in your group are available to volunteer more than once a month. Our #1 need is volunteers.

2. We package To Go Meals and although we understand that groups are used to getting to our locations later, the later you get here, the less there will be for you to do only because due to social distancing, the heat and our time frame, we like to get people served and out of the area as quickly as possible.

3. IF your food is cooked in a commercial kitchen than we are HAPPY to accept your food. Right now we will take "Commercial Kitchen" to be any place where food is prepared all in the same place meaning if you go to the church to cook the food with ingredients that everyone brought, even if the stove in the kitchen is not a commercial stove because raw ingredients were combined there, it will be allowed. If your food comes from a restaurant or anywhere commercial, the food is allowed.

4. Our Wish List continues to be:

- Gift Cards for Meijer or GFS
- Bottled Water
- Juice Boxes
- Pre-packed Snacks (Jello or Pudding cups, Little Debbie's, Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, Nabisco Snack Packs, etc.)
- Pre-packed fruit cups or applesauce
- Prepackaged Silverware sets
- To Go Containers
- 4 or 6 oz portion cups with lids.
- Sandwich Bags or Snack Bags
- Fresh fruit (oranges or bananas are favorites)

ALL of this is a tremendous help right now. If you need to contact the meal site, Quartterri Wilder (Terri), 414-649-9555 is covering the South Side site while we search for a Kitchen Coordinator or you can call me 414-722-1353 if I do not answer, please leave a message.

Thank you SO much again for all of your help, patience and understanding, your generous hearts are literally keeping us going.

Thank you,
Peggy
SVDP Meal Program Manager