



# Presbyterian Night Shelter

guiding the journey home for **40** years

## June 2024 E-Newsletter

### More Than Just a Meal

(click image to watch video)



**It takes a lot of hands and many moving parts** to run a program that consistently serves around 1,750 meals each day! But the kitchen staff at Presbyterian Night Shelter do just that, feeding hundreds of people daily, under the leadership of Food Services Manager Daphine McGhee.

The small, dedicated crew based in True Worth Place's commercial-style kitchen not only prepares lunch for True Worth Place guests, they also supply brown-bag lunches for UpSpire crews and deliver hot meals to guests across our six-acre campus, including evening meals for Karl Travis Men's Center, Lowdon-Schutts Women's Center, Patriot House, Mimi Hunter-Fitzgerald Safe Haven Center, and the Morris Foundation Family Services Center. **With the help and support of the many dedicated volunteers, our Kitchen team makes upwards of 43,000 meals each month!**

Meal planning takes on a new meaning at this scale. McGhee explains that food for the Shelter is sourced through vendors, corporate and community partners, faith-based groups, and individual donors. McGhee is able to plan menus about one to two weeks out, depending upon what is being donated and what is available in food storage. "It just depends on how the day rolls what we may get that we can incorporate into the menu."

For their part, guests are always appreciative of the love and care that the food service team puts into each meal. "They work really hard in that kitchen," says Sherry, a guest who arrived at the Shelter in April, "I am very thankful for the food. It's good, and it's nourishing, too. I enjoy it. And the lunch ladies are so sweet, too!"

"I would like to think that we are providing more than just a meal, more than

just a service," McGhee continues, "because when we cook, it's compassion. Even though it hurts to see our homeless numbers growing, we just want to be able to give them a complete, nutritious meal. A hot meal."

**Yes! I want to support the great programs of Presbyterian Night Shelter!**

## Heat Heroes for the Homeless!



**The brutal heat of summer has arrived** with scorching temperatures and Heat Advisories across North Texas for the next few months. During such extreme weather our guests and neighbors are especially vulnerable to the elements. In order to prevent and limit heat-related fatalities this summer, Presbyterian Night Shelter is collaborating with other Fort Worth community partners to be "Heat Heroes for the Homeless."

True Worth Place is operating with expanded hours from June 17 through September 16, providing an additional cooling station for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness during the hottest part of the day during the hottest part of the summer. After Shelter guests check in to our overnight facilities, anyone who is unsheltered can remain indoors at True Worth Place until 6:00pm and receive dinner.

Expanded hours to accommodate our community's unsheltered population is just one way Presbyterian Night Shelter is working to protect our neighbors from the heat. We make water available to those who need it every day outside True Worth Place. A few months ago, a pallet of water bottles could last up to five days. Now as the temperatures increase, that same pallet lasts only two days.

**Your generosity can help our neighbors survive the summer heat.** Whether a monetary donation to support our programs - or an in-kind donation from our Hot Weather Needs Amazon Wish List - your support truly makes a difference in the lives of our guests and neighbors.

[CLICK HERE for Fort Worth's cooling station information!](#)

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A limited number of sponsorships for the *30th Anniversary Home for the Holidays Gala* are available! Join us as we celebrate 30 years of coming home for the holidays and raising critical funds for Presbyterian Night Shelter. The Home for the Holidays Gala, presented by *Luther King Capital Management*, will be held at The Fort Worth Club, and is being co-chaired by Dr. Jason and

Mrs. Kaci Biggers and Dr. Brian and Mrs. Courtney Tulbert.

Secure your table and celebrate with us at the **unofficial kick-off to the holiday season and the best holiday party in Fort Worth on Friday, December 6, 2024.**

For more information on securing your sponsorship, contact Chris Stolarzyk, Annual Giving Manager at [cstolarzyk@journeyhome.org](mailto:cstolarzyk@journeyhome.org).

I would like to be a Home for the Holidays Gala Sponsor!



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