



Cook Dinner at Mountain View Emergency Family Shelter

Volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner for homeless families living at our emergency shelter in Martinez. By providing a meal, you are providing a family dining experience while ensuring no one goes hungry. Your participation and support is greatly appreciated!

Location: 1391 Shell Ave, Martinez, CA 94553 (entrance is on Orchard Ave.)

Time: Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Volunteers are allowed to show up as early as 2:30 p.m. to begin meal preparation.

Quantity: Plan on providing dinner for 12 adults and 15 children. To get an exact count and any food allergies, please call the Shelter Supervisor Lynna Magnuson at (925) 228-6920 the week before your scheduled day.

Purchasing Ingredients: Please purchase items to prepare the meal, beverages (only low-fat milk, water or 100% juice) and desserts.

Suggested Meals: Casseroles, kid-friendly finger foods, mac & cheese, salads, mashed potatoes, roasts, chicken and other family friendly foods.

Preparing Dinner: Volunteers are asked to use our commercial kitchen on site to prepare the meal. If you want to bring a meal, volunteers can only bring commercially prepared food to the shelter to serve. It is a violation of Public Health code to bring in food prepared at home.

Preparing Food Guidelines:

- Food handling guidelines must be strictly enforced.
- Wash hands before serving and preparation of food.
- Use gloves when handling food.
- Wear a hair restraint when working in the food serving/preparation area.
- When you taste food, do not put the utensil back into the food.
- Cover food and utensils when not in use.
- Check expiration dates on food items

Serving Dinner: Meals are served cafeteria style.

- All hot meals remain behind the counter and are served by staff or volunteers.
- All beverages and cold dishes are put on the tables in front of the counter so that clients can serve themselves.

Eating Dinner: Once all clients are served, volunteers are encouraged to join clients and dine with them.



Clean Up: Please, clean-up after the meal is finished. Store and label any leftover food, which is used for lunch the following day.

Children Volunteering: Children under 15 years of age must be supervised and are not allowed in the kitchen. We ask that volunteers bringing small children limit the number of children to no more than five.

Additional Items: The shelter relies on generous donations by the community to sustain the site. If you would like to donate any additional items, such as paper plates and cleaning supplies, please contact Yareth Rodriguez at (925) 957-7561 or Yareth.Rodriguez@shelterinc.org for a list of current needs.

Questions: Contact Yareth Rodriguez at (925) 957-7561 or Yareth.Rodriguez@shelterinc.org