



Orangewood Foundation offers warm meals Monday through Friday for foster & community youth ages 18-24 who utilize the on-site resource center or participate in our other programs. We are in need of daily volunteers to prepare (or bring) and serve these meals to our youth.

How It Works

WHAT YOU DO

- Bring 4-6 volunteers, larger groups can be accommodated (18+ years old)
- Provide all ingredients needed to cook your meal or bring a meal already prepared (restaurant meals are ok)
- Select a weekday: Monday to Friday (call or email to sign up)

WHAT WE DO

- Provide pots, pans, & utensils needed to cook
- Provide access to kitchen that contains two ovens, two stoves, and two microwaves
- Provide paper plates, cups, napkins, utensils

When You Serve

LUNCH (Resource Center)

- Be ready to serve at 12:00 PM (buffet style)
- Volunteers may begin preparation at 10:30 AM
- Expect to feed approximately 20 youth

DINNER (Workshops/Special Events)

- Served from 5:30-6:30 PM
- Volunteers may begin preparation at 4:00 PM
- Expect to feed approximately 15-50 youth (depending on workshop)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How many volunteers can we bring?**
 - We recommend bringing anywhere from 4-6 people to serve in the kitchen, due to limited space. If you have a larger group, please call to discuss options.
- **What meals do the youth enjoy?**
 - Our youth typically enjoy anything that is homemade and authentic, from pasta, chicken salad, macaroni, and even breakfast (brunch).
 - You're more than welcome to bring drinks (soda, juice, etc.) and dessert.
- **What happens to the leftover food?**
 - The number that we give of youth that typically attend meals is just an estimate. Sometimes we will have 15 youth at a meal and sometimes we will have only 3 or 4. Even when this does happen, we will use any leftover food to feed youth that come to the Resource Center at other times of the day. None of your food will go to waste because we also provide containers to go.
- **Can we eat with the youth?**
 - Absolutely! We encourage you to get to know our youth!
- **Can we take pictures with the youth?**
 - Yes, but only once you have asked for their permission. We also ask that if you use pictures of our youth in any type of social media, newsletter, etc. that you do not list the names of our youth for privacy reasons.

Volunteers take time to be in the kitchen because they care and our youth recognize this. They are very grateful!