

Making A Difference



In providing a hearty meal to one of our youth, you may have saved them a life of pain and

disappointment. For a number of our youth, the first time they steal, it is because they are truly hungry. If they are caught, they are recognizable for small misdemeanors in the future. If they are not caught, it encourages them to do it again the next time and both ways can spiral out of control... Thank you for loving these youth enough to warm their hearts and bellies too! If you love this opportunity as much as other groups that have worked with us, please tell your friends about the chance to change a life!



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DINNER'S SERVED GUIDE



Reaching Teens By
Meeting Needs

What To Do & All About The How-To!

One of the most important and easiest ways to earn the trust of, and the right to speak into the life of, a struggling teenager is to meet their most basic need: food.

At Solomon's Porch we strive to provide at four meals a week to the high-risk and homeless teenagers that we get to share our lives with!

The following is information about our facilities and things that we *must* require of partnering groups.



Getting Started:

To get started you'll need to:

1. Decide who *Point Person* will be (needs food handler's permit)(\$10 at www.foodworkercard.wa.gov).
2. Go online to acts512.org/volunteer to download the Dinner Adoption Application
3. Select a few dates that work for your group. Options are currently Tuesday-Friday evenings.
4. Send your Dinner Adoption Application in to: PO Box 2267, Wenatchee, WA 98807

Choosing a Meal:

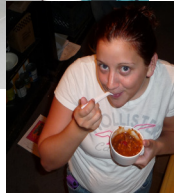
We ask that our partners prepare a full meal to serve. This would include a main dish, side dish/salad, and a bread. Dessert is wonderful, but not required. Much of these decisions will depend on your group:

- Do many of the members work day jobs?
- Can some items be semi-prepared?
- What is the financial situation of your group?

Meal ideas *could* include: Pasta dishes, stews/chili, hamburgers, Asian noodle dishes, casseroles, tacos & burritos, baked potato bar, big sub sandwiches & chips, Super Nachos...be creative!

Notes and Facts:

- We **serve** approximately 25-30 youth.
- We limit the **number of people** in the kitchen to six. If you have more that want to help perhaps you could adopt two nights.
- We do have a large **refrigerator** that you can utilize and a small space in our freezer.
- We have **plates, bowls, cups and utensils** here.
- We **must** have a copy of the **Food Handler's Permit** on-site when the food is cooked.



- We have **drinks** such as pop here that the youth can buy, free water and hot water for tea. If you'd like to bring a drink for them, feel free. They do enjoy milk, juices, and powdered drinks.
- We must ask that the group refrain from interaction with the youth. If a member is interested in volunteering please have them speak with one of our directors.
- If a group member has teenage children, they are welcome to attend, just as any teen between the ages of 13 and 20 may. We do ask that children younger be left with a sitter. (**no child under the age of 10 is allowed in the kitchen at any time and adults may not loiter in the main room with younger children by law**)
- Some groups may consider **splitting the duties**. Having one group to cook the food and another to serve and do clean-up is a great chance for more people to help but the *Point Person* must remain present the entire time.
- Each member of a dinner crew will be required to sign a **confidentiality waiver** prior to working in the kitchen.

