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About Community Dinners...

Mercy House staff and residents appreciate your offer to help feed our families. Here is some information about our dinners, and the nuts and bolts of hosting a Mercy House Dinner.

When are the dinners?

Usually Dinners are the 3rd Thursday of a given month at 247 N High Street. We begin setting up about 5PM. We empty the items from the nursery and begin setting up tables for dinner. If your group can offer some "muscle" to help set up, it would be greatly appreciated. Usually dinner is served at 6PM.

Who comes and how many should you plan for?

Dinner is set-up to be served buffet style in the downstairs area of 247 N. High. Plan a meal for at least 45 people. As the family counts fluctuate, about 20 of these may be children.

Tell us about your group!

At some point after people are seated and are eating, we appreciate an appointed speaker from your organization to tell about your club or organization and why Mercy House was chosen as a benefactor for your dinner. *If comfortable, one person from your club should offer grace. If no one is comfortable Mercy House staff will be happy to offer grace.*

Dinner ideas:

We try to provide a meal that meets the nutritional guidelines of the food pyramid. Wholesome food is very important for our families. We would love to have a meat, a starch, a green vegetable, and drinks furnished for our residents. Dessert is optional, but appreciated.

A note from some of us "oldtimers": Pasta has tended not to work out very well in the past on the buffet line; it tends to congeal pretty quickly.

Please let me know if you have any additional needs or questions.

Thanks!

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