

Group Volunteer Opportunities at Jewish Family Service

Kosher Home Delivered Meals Program (ongoing) (1-25 volunteers)

Volunteers can drive a route for our Meals on Wheels program Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between the hours of 10:30-12:30pm. Should you choose to do this project as an organization, we can have your organization “adopt” a route for one week every season or as frequently as you believe volunteers can participate. Of course, they would need to go through the training and confidentiality agreement for this program before delivering meals to clients.

Schedule an afternoon of Service in our Food Pantry (1-20 volunteers)

Volunteers would help to restock the shelves, pack emergency food bags, and date check donations in our stock room. Typically this occurs Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday between 1:00-3:00pm. Note: All demographics have access to the Food Pantry and people in 20 zip codes are served. We provide food to about 150 families a week – with members of the family who may be underemployed, unemployed, disabled, going through a major transition, or who may be utilizing services from one of our other 5 departments. We help them for as long as needed to re-gain self-sufficiency and well being.

If anyone is interested and available to help shop with clients during 9am-1pm Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday on as needed basis, please also have them reach out to me to become a substitute for this program. This opportunity is DIRECT SERVICE and includes being on your feet during the entire duration of the volunteer opportunity.

Create Hygiene Kits for JFS Food Pantry (unlimited volunteers)

The hygiene kits are put on shelves in the food pantry for anyone who comes through our doors that may need them. Food stamps do not cover hygiene or diapering items so with the help of community drives and corporate teams – we are able to provide them with what we consider “the basics.” This includes shampoo, conditioner, soap, diapers of all sizes, pads, tampons, shaving cream, razors, make up, make up remover and more. We can create them at your location or at JFS main office – [5402 Arapaho Rd. Dallas, TX 75248](https://www.jfsdallas.org/).

Organize a donation drive for our Resale Shop, a charitable project of JFS. (unlimited volunteers)

Host a community-wide donation drive and make a difference for those on a budget and for those who need our wrap around mental health and social service care. Make a

day of it! After collection is over, volunteers can schedule an opportunity to meet at The Resale Shop and help organize and hang clothing donations. For more information about the Resale Shop needs, please feel free to www.jfsdallas.org/resale

"The Food Pantry Experience" (ages 8-18) (up to 40)

This program involves learning the value of a dollar and simulates living at the poverty line. The program includes shopping at Walmart across from JFS (we all walk over/drive together and split up into "families" with 1 adult in each group) with a budget of \$5 charity for each student, having a discussion about hunger & health and what kind of foods you can buy with the limited "income", and then finishing out the experience by restocking the shelves in the JFS Food Pantry with what the students purchased across the street. It has proven to be a very meaningful experience with kids of all age groups.

Special Needs Partnership Inclusion Experience (ongoing) (1-15)

This is a hands-on interactive, multi-sensory curriculum designed for participants to experience the effects of specific disabilities, to help build awareness and to create an environment of empathy. As an adult volunteer you will help facilitate one of 6 simulation stations including Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Hearing Loss, Dyslexia, Speech, and ADHD. If you have a preference, we will try our best to accommodate that. You do not, by any means, have to commit to all of them, but we'd love to have you come to one and experience the program to see the amazing work being done to educate people on these special needs. We can also schedule this with your organization as well.

Holiday "Adopt a Child" – Nov/Dec 2018 (up to 20)

The Holiday Gift Program has been a long-standing tradition for Jewish Family Service and the community to give gifts to clients over the December holidays. We ask our licensed professional staff to collect wish lists for kids who could benefit from a nice surprise over the holidays. These children may be dealing with hardship, so this act of kindness by volunteers and donors truly makes a positive impact on the children. In order to keep client confidentiality when purchasing gifts, we keep names anonymous, but provide age, gender, and item(s) they wish to receive.

**Help Deliver Passover Packages - March 25, 2018 -
9am-12pm (1-60)**

Jewish Family Service has a long standing tradition of providing packages of traditional holiday goodies to those in the community who may be isolated from family, had a tough medical year, are new immigrants or may just need a reminder that someone is thinking of them this Holiday. These 650 packages include grape juice, matzah, soup mix, and gefilte fish. We believe it provides a thoughtful connection the holiday tradition and one's community. All names that are given to us are from Jewish community leaders across Dallas, senior communities, as well as our licensed professional staff at JFS. Program is like Meals on Wheels – you are given a route with 10 homes on it to visit.

Kosher Chili Cook-off – March 18, 2018 (1-15 in shifts)

Help JFS win first place vegetarian chili at the 25th Annual Tiferet Israel Kosher Chili Cook off.

April 4, 2018 – Make up day in pantry (2 shifts of 8 from 9am-2pm)

Help shop clients in the food pantry & restock the shelves.

July 3, 2018 Celebration (1-30)

Donors and Volunteers are invited to enjoy prime seating for Addison's Kaboom town fireworks. We have a quiet room available for families who may need a place to retreat, regroup, and relax and we need volunteers to help run fun outdoor activity stations. Other volunteers can enjoy soft lighting, peaceful music, and blankets to escape the noise and activity of outside. This is definitely a family friendly volunteer opportunity!

**Help Deliver Rosh Hashanah Packages – September 9, 2018 -
9am-12pm (1-60)**

Jewish Family Service has a long standing tradition of providing packages of traditional holiday goodies to those in the community who may be isolated from family, had a tough medical year, are new immigrants or may just need a reminder that someone is thinking of them this Holiday. These 650 packages include fresh challah, grape juice, apples and honey. These items all represent the sweetness we experience in life and the sweetness we want for the year to come for those who receive these packages. All names that are given to us are from Jewish community leaders across Dallas, senior communities, as well as our licensed professional staff at JFS. Program is like Meals on Wheels – you are given a route with 10 homes on it.