



## Men's Eastside Men's Shelter (EMS) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### **How do I sign up to bring food?**

You can sign up using this link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/87005976470328013/false#/invitation>

### **What time do I need to drop off the food?**

Volunteers should arrive at 6:00PM

### **What if I can't come at 6:00PM? Is there another time I can drop off food?**

Please email [volunteer@cfhomeless.org](mailto:volunteer@cfhomeless.org) to find a time.

### **Where is the winter shelter located?**

Our shelter is located at the Lincoln Center Office Park 515 116th Ave NE Bellevue WA 98004. The building is located just off 116th across the street from the Chevrolet of Bellevue car dealership. Turn off 116th into a parking lot, and head west, all the way to the back. You will see a gray building in front of you that looks a bit like a small older office complex. I highly recommend looking at it on [Google Maps satellite view](#). Call 425-502-9958 and staff will answer and come out to bring the food inside. You can also leave the food on the table under the tent.

### **What should I bring for dinner?**

Our men like most dishes, but if you need ideas, check out these websites:

<http://www.cditchen.com/recipes/holidays-parties/cooking-for-a-crowd/>

<http://recipesforacrowd.com/>

### **What all should we bring?**

Most volunteer groups bring a main dish, bread, vegetables, dessert and drinks. Our clients love soft food, milk, and juice.

### **Are plates etc. provided?**

We use paper plates, bowls, utensils, and while we do have them on site, we always appreciate donations of these items whenever possible.

### **Are there restrictions on what I can bring?**

There are not! The men really enjoy soft protein rich food that isn't spicy.

### **Can we cook food when we get there?**

All food needs to be prepared upon arrival; we have two ovens that are available for warming food only.

**Do you have a way to keep food warm?**

Yes, we have a hot box.

**What if there are leftovers?**

We will store your leftovers either for men who come in late, or for nights when we don't have a meal donor.

**Can we stay and serve the food?**

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we cannot allow any visitors at the shelter for the foreseeable future.

**Can I come serve food if I am not part of the volunteer group that brought the meal?**

Unfortunately, we aren't able to accommodate volunteers in this role. Please contact Friends of Youth, The New Bethlehem Project, The Sophia Way, or Hopelink.

**Who will be there to greet me?**

The staff or kitchen volunteers will greet you when you arrive.

**How many men are at the shelter?**

There are about 100 men at the shelter

**What can I donate besides food?**

We can always take donations of: socks, new men's underwear, hand warmers, hats, gloves, blankets, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies (Lysol wipes, bleach, etc.), nonperishable food.

**Are you a religious organization?**

We are not a faith-based agency, although we work with many congregations and other faith groups.

**We're from a church group, are we allowed to pray with clients?**

We ask that you don't pray with clients, but you are welcome to pray for them when you go home.

**I want to volunteer but I can't bring food for 100 people, how can I help?**

Please email [volunteer@cfhomeless.org](mailto:volunteer@cfhomeless.org)

**Who is staying at the shelter?**

We serve single adult men who live on the Eastside and are experiencing homelessness.