

Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless

Bridge of Hope Kitchen Revitalization

Agency Description: Working to end homelessness in Volusia and Flagler Counties.

Project Information

Description: It has been six years since the Bridge of Hope Hot Meal Program opened its doors. It also serves as a cold weather and hurricane shelter for the homeless when needed. The kitchen has served more than 500,000 (five hundred thousand) meals since it opened. This is a commercial type kitchen and therefore is inspected by the Health Dept. on a regular basis so having a deep cleaning will assure us of passing inspection and continuing to provide uninterrupted hot meals. Today, 250-350 meals are served daily. This is a high traffic and use area. The kitchen is in use every day of the year but two. A thorough scrub down of the floor, walls, sinks, drains etc is needed. ~~The dining area is in need of a fresh coat of commercial paint and small cosmetic repairs.~~ The Bridge of Hope Hot Meal program is a hot meal for many people in need. This effort would save the organizations involved more than \$5,000 (estimate) in labor and time. The dollars saved will be spent on additional food products and support of the Hot Meal Program.

Who will benefit: There are several groups that would benefit from this project. First, the homeless and poor that utilize the Hot Meal Program. The improved cleanliness and brightness of the dining hall will be a welcoming site to the children, women and men that receive a meal at this site. Second, Halifax Urban Ministries and their 400 volunteers that prepare and serve the meals would notice the positive changes. Third, the STAR Center families' living at the shelter whom eat their meals in the cafeteria would benefit. Fourth, the City of Daytona Beach, Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Children and Families will benefit knowing that the facility they helped build and operate is being properly maintained. Finally, The Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless would benefit as they are the Landlord of the facility and provide housing and space at affordable or no cost status.

Long Term Impact: The long term impact will be the improved cleanliness' and health. It is difficult to measure improved happiness, however; those eating and working the Hot Meal program will have improved levels of happiness due to the improved conditions. Long term effect will be in the term of decreased maintenance expense.

Agency to provide: The organization is willing to supply the cleaning supplies. However, we would welcome any donations of cleaning materials.

Location: Daytona Beach, FL

Time: 8am-4pm

Volunteer Needs

Number of Volunteers Needed Minimum: 10 Maximum: 15

Minimum Age: 5 & up with parental supervision.

Special Skills or Requirements: We anticipate the job to require use of Clorox/bleach in the kitchen area. Mopping, scrubbing, and being able to get on hands and knees to clean under surfaces. In the dining area.



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