



Sack Lunch Providers

Sack Lunch Overview

Sarah's Circle readily accepts donations of pre-bagged lunches. These lunches supplement the meals served at Sarah's Circle, as women often rely on them to stay fed until their next meal. Women who are homeless face numerous challenges and are greatly affected by the plight of their situation. Donors of pre-bagged lunches help to counter the debilitating hunger that is intertwined with homelessness.

Sarah's Circle is able to accept pre-bagged lunches any day of the week. **Please review all material prior to your service. Thank you!**

How Sack Lunches are Used

By providing sack lunches to Sarah's Circle you are directly supporting a woman in need. All pre-bagged lunches are handed out the day they are received. These are given to women in two of our primary programs.

Daytime Support Center: Located at 4838 N Sheridan Road, the Daytime Support Center is open Monday-Friday from 9 am – 4:30 pm and until 7 pm each Tuesday for Community Art Studio. This is a drop-in center that provides supportive services to women who are homeless or in need of a safe space. At the Daytime Support Center Sarah's Circle serves brunch at 10:30 am every day and an extra meal each Thursday. Pre-bagged lunches are given to women if they arrive after brunch is served, or before the Daytime Support Center closes. It is especially beneficial to receive sack lunches at the end of the week since the Daytime Support Center is not open on the weekends. Sometimes, the meals given out at Sarah's Circle are the only ones a woman receives.

Interim Housing: Located at 4750 N Sheridan Road, the Interim Housing program is a 50-bed shelter for women who are homeless; this is the largest type of this program for women in the City of Chicago. Women at Interim Housing are provided breakfast, lunch and dinner. However, there are many women in this program who are working or are unable to be at Interim Housing when meals are served so sack lunches are provided to women who are leaving Interim Housing during the day or when they arrive in the evening.

Pre-Bagged Lunches Details

Sarah's Circle only accepts 50 or more sack lunches. These should consist of: a variety of meat sandwiches, and at least 5 sandwiches for clients that do not eat meat/ Healthy snack/ Optional fruit/ Optional healthy beverage.

Each pre-bagged lunch can have different items. We just ask that each includes a balanced meal. Please mark on the outside of each bag the date the sandwich is made and what type of sandwich is included (type of meat or PB&J). Food Safety is an important consideration when preparing these meals, Sarah's Circle will not accept pre-bagged lunches if they have not been stored properly or are low quality and hastily prepared.

Scheduling Details

All pre-bagged lunches should be scheduled 2 weeks in advance with the Volunteer Coordinator, Dakota Chisholm. She can be reached at 773.728.1014 ext. 314 or dchisholm@sarahs-circle.org.

Thank you for volunteering at Sarah's Circle!