



ANNUAL PIT COUNT LET'S GET WARM GIVEAWAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Date: January 27, 2022

Time: 7 am to 7 pm

Venue: First Baptist Church, 450 E Hwy 287, Waxahachie

1. **PIT Counter:** Find, observe, talk to homeless and invite to the Giveaway (need teams of 2 or more.) Training is required and available in January.
2. **School Liason:** Work with counselors at every school in Ellis County to distribute informational cards to families in need.
3. **Pre-event Research:** 1. Call churches in Ellis County to find out what they do to help the homeless 2. Call organizations that work with the homeless and at-risk individuals and families to ask them to have a display table at the event.
4. **Goody Bags:** 1. Pre-event – Help gather donations, have a drive for items or sort and put into bags for our guests. 2. **Event** – Distribute bags to PIT Counters for street distribution and to guests, if they hadn't already received one from a counter. During the event, this volunteer will also keep general donation area as organized as possible.
5. **Set up or Clean up:** Open at 6 am for set up, cleaned by 8:30. Set up includes but is not limited to setting up tables following plan with social distancing guidelines, moving off-limits kitchen items out of the way or labeled, making sure everything is clean for use and then putting it all away in proper places, sweeping floor, etc.
6. **Decorating:** Decorate gym and tables according to the theme, includes tablecloths.
7. **Greeters & Guides:** Greet guests & volunteers, obtain sign in, direct to proper area, help guests look through the Giveaway items for things they need. They are welcome to shower, have a meal or just sit and relax with a cup of coffee. You can also ask the guests if they would like to visit the different organizations to learn more about what is available to them.
8. **Transportation:** 1. Procure use of vans or buses and volunteer drivers, coordinate and schedule pickups and returns for guests all over Ellis County. 2. Be a Driver
9. **Hair Stylists:** 1. **Pre-event** - Recruit hairstylists for 1 to 3 hour increments. Prefer minimum of 2 at a time. 2. **Event** - Volunteer to cut hair.
10. **Prepare and Serve Meals:** Prepare and serve meals for 50 – 75 people, following COVID guidelines for serving. Groups preparing meal will bring their own utensils, bowls, cooking equipment and provide the food. Ideas for each meal can be found on the website.
11. **COVID Cleaning Crew:** Clean tables & showers with disinfectant after each use.
12. **Sound:** Work with church to ensure sound system works & is setup as needed. Prepare praise and worship music for background.
13. **Advertising:** Submit to community calendars, local event forums, press release to newspapers, develop & print posters, banners and other signs. Put signs up around town as allowed.



14. **Messaging:** Continuously monitor phone, voice mail, FB page for messages from guests and others during the week of the event.
15. **Security:** Work with FBC & Local PDs to help guests park and stay in the gym area.
16. **Shower Monitor:** Prepare sets of towels, wash cloths, soap, conditioner, shampoo, blow dryers and anything else needed for our guests to take showers. Work with COVID Cleaning Crew to clean each shower after use.

DONATIONS

Blankets, wool blend: 100 Small for streets, full or queen for homes

Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves: All sizes for adults and children

Other Goody Bag Items Needed, 100 each:

Beef Jerky	Peanut butter/cheese crackers	Easy-open meat or fish
Small first aid kit	Kleenex	Hand wipes
Stanley Winter Socks	Small sewing kit	Safety Pins
Rubber bands	Bottled Water	Toiletries
Travel toothbrush	Degree deodorant/anti-perspirant	Zip freezer bags in gallon , quart and sandwich

HOW TO VOLUNTEER:

Online: elliscountyhomeless.com

Email: info@elliscountyhomeless.com

Have questions about the event or volunteering?

Phone: 469.428.7320

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