



Welcome, *GRACE Feed Our Kids* and *GRACE Grocery Giveaway* Volunteers!

Thank you so much for participating in our amazing summer feeding programs!

Feed Our Kids provides around 40,000 lunches to the children of the Grapevine/Colleyville Independent School District every year. Every single one of you makes a difference by filling those “hungry” summer weeks with lunches, drinks, exercise, smiles, and a loving atmosphere.

GRACE Grocery Giveaway (GGG) is a mobile pantry concept in partnership with Tarrant Area Food Bank. We set up at two of the existing Feed Our Kids sites on Thursdays throughout the summer. Families who visit GGG have the opportunity to “shop” for a variety of food items including fresh produce.

*Please note that both programs operate at two of the same sites. However, they are coordinated, operated separately, and have a different set of volunteers and site coordinators.

Please allow us to THANK YOU in advance for everything you are going to do this summer and all the lives you are going to touch.

Some of you are brand new and many of you and your organization have served for years to help GRACE with our Seasonal (and other) Programs! It truly takes a village and these programs would not be possible without the MANY hands that make it happen. I sincerely appreciate your support and look forward to a wonderful summer full of food and fun for children in our community!

Although our volunteer time slots are filling up quickly, please let any family, friends, or co-workers who would be interested in volunteering know that we still have days available!

A wonderful summer awaits!

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Site Coordinator's Job

What you can do now:

1. **If you haven't already, complete your Volunteer Registration through VOLY. The Volunteer Type, as a Site Coordinator, needs to be: GRACE Volunteer and includes a yearly background check. (Link below.)**

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2. Recruit your volunteers. You need 8-10 volunteers per day, depending on the estimated volume at your site.
3. Start planning your menus, so you know what utensils, napkins, plates, etc., that you need before your week. We encourage you to check out your site in advance, so you are ready for set-up!

If you do not plan to be at your site every day, be sure you have assigned a Daily Lead Coordinator, these individuals will also need to fill out a VOLY Volunteer Registration and complete a background check.

What you can do the week before:

1. Finalize your daily menus and facilitate transportation of the food to your site.
2. Remind your volunteers of their scheduled time.
3. If you are new to Feed Our Kids, feel free to stop by your site the week before to see what the previous group's set-up looks like.
4. Watch for weekly emails for important messages and lunch count updates.
5. Stop by the Feed Our Kids shelves at the Pantry – we have a lot of items to supplement you main dishes...chips, fruit cups, desserts, juice boxes, etc.

The week/day of:

1. After 9:00am, pick up site bin from GRACE Food Pantry at 837 E. Walnut Street; head around to the back pantry service door entrance.
2. Be prepared and ready for the children to eat at 11:45AM. The children eat from 11:45AM –12:45PM. Please note that the summer school buses may come late the first few weeks and lunch will go to 1:00PM. Remind your volunteers of their scheduled time.



3. Make sure to have a few remaining lunches *just in case* children who running late from summer school.
4. Setup a serving line and an easily visible place for trash. Please make sure tables and serving areas are clean.
5. At the end of the day, please take all trash to the dumpster.
6. Keep a daily count of how many children you serve and turn numbers in **DAILY to Deb Ebeling via text 817-690-4136 or email at debeling@gracegrapevine.org.**
7. Social Media: Social media use enables GRACE to keep serving people in need. It is an excellent tool for donors and supporters to see what we are doing! If you can, take pictures and share your experience of serving with GRACE. We would greatly appreciate it! If you are posting on social media, **please be sure to post only pictures that do not show the faces of the children receiving lunches.** You are welcome to post volunteer group pictures. Please be sure to tag @GRACEGrapevine and use the hashtags #GRACEGrapevine #FeedOurKids. If it is easier for you, email your pictures to npodsednik@GRACEGrapevine.org so they can be posted for you.

What to do at the end of your service day/week.

If you have remaining nonperishable items and would like to donate them to the Feed Our Kids pantry shelf for the next group, we'd appreciate it!

Return Site Bin to GRACE Main, 837 E. Walnut St, Grapevine, **immediately following your shift on the last day of your service time.**

Useful *Feed Our Kids* Tips

Lunch Ideas:

Sandwiches, Soft Tacos, breakfast tacos, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Spaghetti, Macaroni and Cheese, Pizza, etc. Be creative and different the kids love it!

Activity Ideas:

Activities are by no means mandatory, but they are certainly fun if you choose to do them! Please be creative and do not hesitate to contact Deb with any questions. We have sidewalk chalk, bubbles and Hula-hoops located near your site bins – please feel free to use!



Inclement Weather Plan:

Please help us keep our kids safe by keeping an eye on the weather. If it looks like it is going to be an inclement weather day, still take the food to your assigned rain plan site, but cancel the activities. No indoor activities are necessary. You be the judge of whether or not it is safe for the children to play outside. If there is thunder and lightning, you and the children should be remain in your car. **Specific Site Plans on-site information page.**

Important things in your Site Bin –

TINFOIL- Some kids like to take their lunch's home to eat. This is OK, but please cover their plates so that they do not drop food.

GARBAGE BAGS- Bring extra-large black trash bags on-site as the dumpsters fill up fast.

FIRST AID- Band-Aids and something to clean up small scrapes with are always good to have. If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1 then call 817-690-4136

CLEANING SUPPLIES- Bring paper towels and something to wipe off tables.

HAND SANITIZER- Always a good idea!

Other Tips

- A loaf of bread has 24 slices, so it will make approximately 12 sandwiches. It never hurts to have two extra loaves of bread, peanut butter and jelly with you (just in case).
- Watermelon will feed A LOT of kids!
- Oranges, apples and bananas are easy to serve!
- Water is always popular! Individual juice boxes are also good.