

DIY : STAFF APPRECIATION MEAL

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

Think of a group of individuals you want to recognize by taking them a meal (breakfast, lunch or dinner). This can be staff at a nursing home, teachers at a local school/preschool, firefighters, police officers, a dental or medical office, child care center, etc. You can choose more than one place depending on the size of your grace group and the size of the group you're serving.

HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN DO THIS PROJECT? - 5-20

LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

This will occur at the place of employment of those you're blessing, but the preparation can occur in one's home.

BEST TIME/SEASON TO DO THE PROJECT

This project can be done any part of the day or time of week. It all depends on the work schedule of those you are serving.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

To serve those who serve us by recognizing them and making them feel loved with nothing better than a good meal!

SUPPLIES NEEDED

This will all depend on the meal you choose to serve but below are some basic supplies to remember.

- Plates/bowls
- Plastic silverware
- Serving utensils
- Ice
- Cups
- Napkins
- Drinks
- Consider taking boxes for leftovers

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Once you come up with the group to whom you will be serving a meal, reach out to that organization and make sure they are able to accept a meal. Things to consider asking:
 - a. Can you bring homemade food or do they prefer something packaged or delivered from a restaurant?

- b. Are there any food allergies?
 - c. Can you stay and help serve or just drop the food off and leave?
2. Depending on #1, you will need to decide if you want to serve a homemade meal, deliver pizza/takeout or serve donuts/muffins/bagels which can be prepackaged for breakfast. If preparing a meal, it would be best to use disposable pans/supplies.
 3. You will need to determine how many staff you will be serving and when you will serve.
 4. Divide up roles amongst your group: who will make food, who will buy supplies above, who will deliver the meal, etc. Don't forget drinks!
 5. Consider writing a short letter explaining why you chose that organization to bless and how much you appreciate what they do! We can all use a little encouragement right now!

