

2018 Christ House Program Report

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...”

Matthew 25:34-36

Many thanks to our Christ House donors and volunteers, through whose efforts more than 11,500 people have been served delicious and healthy homemade meals over St. Nicholas Cathedral’s 18 years of service!

In 2017 St. Nicholas had nine regular volunteers, three new volunteers, and four substitutes who combined their efforts to buy ingredients, cook, and serve lunch at Christ House. Three more volunteers have scheduled to serve our Christ House effort in 2018!

We always are looking for volunteers to help at Christ House. All it takes are a few hours twice or three times per year on the second Sunday of the month. Each team purchases and brings healthy ingredients—fish or meat, vegetables, salad, and fruit for dessert—and carools to Christ House to spend about an hour and a half after liturgy preparing the meal and serving an average of 45-65 individuals. The Cathedral’s Benevolent Fund voted to contribute to Christ House food purchases and reduce volunteers’ out-of-pocket expenses.

Volunteering continues to be a “win” for St. Nicholas and a “win” for Christ House. Parishioners make friends by working together to serve those who are less fortunate. Christ House is grateful for our food purchases, the delicious and healthy lunches we prepare, and the Cathedral’s loyal service over the years.

Christ House (www.christhouse.org), in the Adams-Morgan neighborhood of DC, is the only facility in the District of Columbia that offers comprehensive and compassionate health care to homeless men.



Saint Nicholas volunteers, Martin Hedrick and Bob Cowgill, with Christ House Staff member Debbie, prepare to serve lunch in January 2018.