

## **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 12,200 people have been served delicious and healthy homemade meals over St. Nicholas Cathedral’s 19 years of service!**

**In 2018 St. Nicholas had 14 volunteers who combined their efforts to buy ingredients, cook, and serve lunch at Christ House. Two more volunteers have asked to serve our Christ House effort in 2019!**

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](http://www.christhouse.org)) has been offering comprehensive and compassionate health care to homeless men in the Adams-Morgan neighborhood of DC for 33 years. It is the only facility of its kind in the District of Columbia.



Thank you Christ House volunteers! Ana Barr and Elena Forrest were cooking and serving lunch in March 2018. Stefanie Slack, Reader John (James) Slack, and Saloomeh Romanchuk were serving with Christ House Staff member Debbie in August 2018.