



**NONPROFIT:** Pathfinders

**DIY PROJECT:** Serve a meal with youth

### **IMPACT**

Pathfinders' Drop-In Center provides basic needs and intensive case management to homeless and vulnerable young adults ages 14-25. The Center provides access to food, bus tickets, hygiene, clothing, laundry and shower facilities, as well as programs focusing on employment, education, independent living skills and social support services.

With the support of community volunteers, the Drop-In Center provides a "buffet style" dinner daily at 5:30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays for 20-25 people. This meal is frequently the first food the clients have eaten all day. This is a great opportunity for groups around 8 people.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Decide if the group wants prepare a meal onsite or come with a pre-prepared meal. Volunteers can either prepare the food in their large kitchen or bring a meal to Pathfinders already prepared.
2. Contact Susan Raines at [sraines@pathfindersmke.org](mailto:sraines@pathfindersmke.org) or (414) 988-6870 to set a date. There is no application necessary.
3. For the meal: Mark all food containing nuts. There are often 2-4 vegetarian clients so marking a vegetarian option is also helpful.
4. If you are bringing in food that is already prepared, please arrive at 5p for set-up. If you plan to prepare food in the Drop-In Center's kitchen, you may come earlier but please allow enough time.
5. Serving utensils and plates/cups/plasticware is provided. However, donations of disposable plates/cups/plastic ware and napkins are appreciated.
6. Join the youth and young adults and enjoy the meal!
7. Serve and share your experience with us! Email [livebig@theridgecc.com](mailto:livebig@theridgecc.com) or #livebig2017 on Facebook.

### **FUN IDEAS**

Chicken and beef dishes

Pasta dishes

Tacos/Taco bars

Potato bars

Sloppy Joes

Chili

Salad with Ranch dressing

Juice/Milk

Soul Food