

Manna Food Ministries
Special Events Desk Volunteer Help Sheet

FAQ's

1. What is Manna Food Ministries?

The young adult ministry and missions are partnering to offer Manna Food to Hillside members, attendees, guests, families, and friends. Manna Ministries makes available food for purchase each month at a discount through the church. For just \$25, individuals may purchase a box of groceries (for themselves or someone they know) that includes fresh and frozen items (meat, dairy, produce), along with canned goods, mixes, and other food items (retail value is \$60+).

Manna food boxes are not limited by income restrictions. The food is ordered once a month (usually the second Monday) and available for pick-up on the last Saturday of the month (Nov. and Dec. are earlier due to the holidays.) **Pick up location is 2728 Mays (The Barn).**

2. Can I just make a donation?

Sorry, we do not accept donations. We want this to be a personalized ministry and for everyone participating to experience the blessing of giving. We don't keep a list or have a way of knowing everyone that would benefit from this ministry, but we bet you do. Think about who you know that could benefit from this ministry – maybe a neighbor, a family member, a single parent or someone who's retired, or maybe a young family with several kids. This is for anyone who would like to stretch their food budget. If you just can't think of anyone, call Tricia at 457-4998.

3. I don't know anyone who needs this – how can I help?

Think about who you know that could benefit from this ministry – maybe a neighbor, a family member, a single parent or someone who's retired, or maybe a young family with several kids. This is for anyone who would like to stretch their food budget. Everyone knows someone who needs to stretch their food budget.

We need volunteers to help pick up the food, sort it, and box it up on distribution day (once a month). Consider serving with your small group or ABF. We will know by the day after the order deadline date how many volunteers we will need. Contact Valerie Hargis at 477-7084 or Will Ratliff at 457-4958 for more questions about volunteering.

4. Is there anything else I can do besides donate a box?

There are ways to serve besides donating a box. We need volunteers to help pick up the food, sort it, and box it up on distribution day (once a month). Consider serving with your small group or ABF (“adopt” a month and provide all the volunteers for that month's distribution day). We will know by the day after the order deadline date how many volunteers we will need. Contact Valerie Hargis at 477-7084 or Will Ratliff at 457-4958 for more questions about volunteering.

5. Can I send a box to someone anonymously?

Absolutely – whether you give the box yourself or have someone give it for you, that is up to you or your group. You (or someone in your group) will need to have arrangements made to purchase the box, to pick up the box and deliver it. If you need assistance in delivering it anonymously, call Will Ratliff at 457.4958 to talk about some options.

6. Is this just for the holidays?

No – Manna Food Ministries is available year-round. The food is ordered once a month (usually the second Monday) and available for pick-up on the last Saturday of the month (Nov. and Dec. are earlier due to the holidays.) **Pick up location is 2728 Mays (The Barn).**

7. How can our ABF/small group help as a whole?

- Consider donating a box to a needy family that you know (for larger classes, consider donating several boxes.) Your class will be responsible for picking up and delivering the box.
- Come out and help us pick up the food and distribute it from the bus barn (2728 Mays). Have your ABF consider “adopting” a month and provide all the volunteers for that day. Or if

you're in a smaller group or ABF serve together that month and invite another ABF or small group to serve with you.

- Make copies of the order form and hand them out to neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family. Do you know single parents or someone who's retired? This may be of special interest to them. They don't have to be Hillside members – what a great outreach opportunity this could be for you!

8. How much time does it take to help on distribution day?

Volunteers who are helping on distribution will meet at the barn between 7:30 and 8:00 am (depending on your job assignment for that day) and we'll be done by noon. Plus, free coffee and donuts will be available to all who help out! For other questions regarding volunteering, please contact Will Ratliff at 457.4948.

9. Okay, I've ordered my food, now what?

On your order sheet, you'll find a distribution date and time. Come to the Barn (2728 Mays) on the distribution day during the designated pick-up times and pick up your box. If you're donating a box, once you've picked up your box, then you can either deliver it to the person then, or deliver it with other members of your group. It would be helpful to set a pre-arranged time for drop-off the same day that you pick up the box (remember, the box contains perishable food items.)