



## THE FRANCISCAN KITCHEN

748 South Preston Street  
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*Dedicated to providing for the nourishment of God's family.*

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## Continuing our mission in the pandemic

The world we knew when 2020 began has changed. Bringing hungry guests into our dining room ceased in mid-March. The take-out meal that our volunteers now serve is still a hot meal similar to what we served before thanks to the continuing support from Kentucky Harvest and that's been supplemented by prepared meals from Brown-Forman and Taco Bell, among other contributors.

Social distancing, masks for each volunteer, and enhanced cleaning procedures are in place. A commitment to provide a full meal to



A to-go bag lunch has replaced the dine-in trays guests receive. Social distancing spacing and hand washing are required before meals are served.

those in need remains strong.

Many regular volunteers are remaining home where they should be during this crisis. New faces have joined us in our efforts, but there is still a need for those who are willing and able to lend a hand.

Please consider this ministry for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. If you can volunteer between 6:00 am and 1:00 pm, we can use your help.

Call Chuck Mattingly at 502-643-8400, or email [chuck.fsh748@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.fsh748@gmail.com).

### Charitable gift deduction available for non-itemizers (CARES Act)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, which is sending most taxpayers a \$1,200 rebate, also has a provision for a \$300 charitable gift deduction for those who take the standard deduction on their tax return. This applies to gifts made after Dec. 31, 2019.

Making a gift to The Franciscan Kitchen at this time would qualify for this tax incentive and assist us in covering the increased costs of providing meals "to go," (plastic utensils, containers, more cleaning and sanitizing supplies) as well as additional staff hours due to fewer volunteer workers.

You can mail your contribution or go online at [www.franciscankitchen.org/donate](http://www.franciscankitchen.org/donate) to make a secure credit card gift. Thank you for your support!





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## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

### The Franciscan Kitchen Mission

In the tradition of St. Francis, which recognizes we are all brothers and sisters, we are dedicated to providing for the nourishment of God's family.

We will maintain an environment of trust and fellowship to build mutual respect and beneficial relationships with our guests, co-workers, suppliers and community. These efforts will strengthen our organization and enable us to provide a much needed service to our community.

A vital key to the success of The Franciscan Kitchen over its forty-plus years of serving those in need has been the dedication of many volunteers. This has come into sharper focus as our serving procedure has changed due to the current health crisis.

It's appropriate then, to take a moment to acknowledge the work of all our regular weekday and Saturday volunteers, as well as the occasional or one-time helper. Whether you drive, cook, prep, count, clean, sort, stack or serve in any capacity, we want you to know how grateful we are for what you do.

Likewise, we would not be able to operate effectively without the support of countless donors. This is a similarly long list reaching back four decades and ranges from the substantial to the modest, and includes organizations, businesses, churches, foundations, families, and friends. Both financial and in-kind gifts are crucial for sustaining our mission. All of it is essential and all of it is meaningful.

So, to each and every person that has given time, talent, or treasure as an individual or a representative of an organization or group in support of The Franciscan Kitchen, we offer our

humble and heartfelt gratitude. May God always bless you!

