

Summary of Serving Positions

We hope that your church or organization will consider partnering with us to take a day and serve with us. We hope you can see that anywhere from 1 to 10 people can make a significant impact in a variety of ways in just a few hours.



Position	# of people
1. Kitchen	2 or 3
2. Food distribution	1 or 2
3. Check-In Station	1
4. Hygiene Items	1
5. Showers at Clean Start	1 or 2
6. Mingle and General Support	2 to 4
7. Clothing Monday	2 to 4
8. Cleanup	2
9. Serving Team	6 to 8

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What to Expect When You Volunteer at Honey's Place

HOPE Missions of the Upstate's Honey's Place is located at 213 S. Towers Street, Anderson, SC. We provide a safe place for people to visit Monday through Saturday to enjoy breakfast, coffee, juice, etc., from 7:15-10:00 am. Please take some time to learn more about our ministry: <https://hopeupstate.org>. Our main goal is to share the love of Jesus Christ by building relationships with people that are going through some of the toughest times of their lives. Volunteers have quite a bit of flexibility and many options for serving at Honey's Place. Some volunteers are very limited and are only able to serve an hour before they go to work. Others come early and stay late. The choice is yours, we only ask that you help us by communicating what works best for you and keeping in touch! The best way to learn is to simply show up and serve somewhere.

Before we begin, the one thing we ask is you come with an earnest desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

As we think about the idea of practicing hospitality, we know we won't always get it right, but that should not prevent us from trying something new while looking for ways to improve each time.

The simple idea here is to share with those in need. I would add, share with intentionality, not accidentally. Pray that God has prepared your heart to be a servant of Christ.

Typical Day

- 6:30 am – Breakfast prep, setup outside seating
- 7:00 am – Circle-up, pray, welcome new volunteers
- 7:15 am – Doors open
- 7:30 am – Showers begin
- 9:30 am – Last call for showers, clean-up
- 10:00 am – Doors closed
- 11:00 am – Gate locked

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1. Kitchen. Two or three people are needed to prepare food. For those who love to be behind the scenes, preparing food for our friends, this is your place!

- Cooking, cleaning, preparation.
- You'll need to come early to prepare the meal or bring something ready to serve (e.g., Bojangles' biscuits, breakfast burritos, etc.)

2. Food distribution. One or two people are required to manage passing out food. The food is setup adjacent to the check-in station and has one or two people with serving gloves to help distribute the meal, drinks, snacks, and especially coffee and condiments. This is a great place for those who like to share a smile and a pleasant good morning.

3. Check-In Station. One person is needed to manage the process.

- Using a chrome book, we check-in each person when they enter. We ask if they are here to take a shower, have laundry, or if it's their first time.
- If they're new (many come only once), we add them to the system by asking for their name, age, where they're staying, and if they're a veteran. No identification is required.
- Once signed in, the check-in person sends people to the showers as requested using the current shower list and walkie talkies provided.

4. Hygiene Items. One person is needed to distribute items as requested and keep the bins stocked. The Check-In Station has hygiene items along with underwear, socks, and other items, that are stored in bins below the counter.

5. Showers at Clean Start. One or two people needed. Ron calls this the bullpen. From the beginning, we've partnered with Clean Start to help manage the flow of people in and out of their Shower and Laundry facility. Clean Start has been around for 15+ years, so we lean on their ministry to give folks a great start to the day. Our duties involve:

- Manage the flow of people. Using walkie-talkies, and in coordination with Clean Start, make sure we have someone "on deck" and ready to take a shower when a spot is available. You'll be communicating to see who's next while letting them know who's done.
- Interact with folks as they wait for their shower. This is a great opportunity to get to know people. Just remember, many of our guests have just spent the night on the street or in a place that has no shower facility. Be patient and kind and remember we are often less than enthusiastic before we've had a shower in our own homes!

6. Mingle and General Support. Two to four people needed. While the priority is breakfast and showers, we also have several opportunities to mingle with our friends as we share coffee, play guitar, or cornhole in the parking lot, to name a few.

7. Clothing Monday. Two to four people are needed to manage clothing. On Mondays, we provide clothing. During check-in, those who want clothing complete a clothing request form and give it to a clothing runner. The runner provides the slip to those in the back that are filling the requests. When completed, the runner provides the clothing to the person that requested clothes.

8. Cleanup. Two people (typically someone that's already on-site). At about 9:30 we need a few people to pickup trash, recycling, vacuum, and tidy up the place. As we get close to 10am, we need folks to retrieve the outside seating, cornhole games, etc., and bring everything inside. We need the toilet cleaned and the bathroom sanitized.

9. Serving Team. We would love to have a team that is able to provide all of the above for a given Monday, Wednesday, or Friday! If you're interested in providing a team of 6 to 8 people to handle the entire operations, please contact Kim, Julie, or Dave to pick a day to come and serve alongside us and learn the process. It's not that difficult, but seeing the operation is far better than reading details here.