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# OUR MEAL MINISTRY

We'd like to extend a special thanks to Regina Coeli School for their recent canned food drive. We received lots of goods that are essential to our meal ministry. Thank you!

## What's New?

RAM Ministries has experienced an unexpected and exciting shift in our meal ministry this year. We are now serving our weekly meals at The Alliance Commons Community Center. This change has been especially meaningful, allowing us to serve on a larger scale while also reconnecting with old friends in our community. We'd also like to thank the Greater Alliance Foundation for allowing us to use this space to serve our meals!

## Our Impact in 2024

In 2024, we had the privilege of preparing and serving 6,184 meals. This includes dine-in and carryout, and meals on Thanksgiving, Halloween, and Independence Day. We are only able to do this because of your generous donations and support. Thank you! We are excited to see what blessings God has for our meal ministry in 2025!

## Our Mealtimes

We serve lunch at noon every Thursday and dinner at 5:00pm on the 4th Monday of each month. These meals are all served at The Alliance Commons.  
(405 S Linden Ave.)

## Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Sue! She is one of our amazing volunteers who helps us prepare our meals every Thursday. She has been a part of our team since February 2022. Her kindness and presence have a meaningful impact on us and the smooth operation of our meal ministry. Thank you Sue for your dedication to this ministry and serving the poor of the Alliance community, we are so grateful for you.



## Believe

It's not about the food.....well, it's actually a lot about the food, but its so much more than that.

Feeding the poor has become such a wonderful part of my life through this ministry. By spending so many years with the poor of our community every week, I have had the awesome opportunity to become very close to some of these people and learn about their lives. What heartbreaking backgrounds they have come from! Rejected or left by parents; drug addicted parents; tragic death of their children; mental, physical, and sexual abuse; most with mental health issues. The list goes on and on. If your family is even partly whole, you should feel very fortunate. It started out being just about the food for them. For many of them it is the only meal they have for the day. But over time I found that what they really need is love and compassion.

They need to feel like someone cares about them, like their life has meaning. I believe RAM Ministries has been able to give that to them, little by little. We have always strived to show our love for them through the food we make. Preparing my families favorites for them, cooking as much from scratch as possible, and celebrating events with food that relates to it such as our super bowl party food a few weeks ago. Many of them have expressed to me that I make them feel special. How different might their lives have been if they had been made to feel like they are special to someone? So many of them grew up with absolutely no one to pray for them. How unfortunate that many of them have never known the love of Jesus, and that they were special to Him all along. Our meals have become such an opportunity to help them know that very thing.

One of my favorite bible verses is Deuteronomy 15:11 which says in part "...open your hand wide unto your brother, unto your poor, your needy, in your land." I believe that the WIDE in this verse means that we are to go above and beyond the call of duty for others. That we are to not only supply food and clothing, but also love, kindness and compassion, and to not even think twice about what we are giving or doing. The teachings of Jesus on this subject are so awesome. He knew that people need to know how valuable they are in God's eyes and how much He loves them. We are the link. It's what we're here for. They can find God's love through us just by loving them, and He can change their lives. He is the answer to overcoming every problem; every addiction, every lack of self-confidence, every form of loneliness and abuse, every financial problem, absolutely everything.

In the middle of December, the place we used to feed the poor was sold and we unexpectedly had nowhere to take our meals. I found out on a Saturday, and our next meal would be on that coming Thursday. I had absolutely no idea what to do. We couldn't just STOP the meals; these people count on them. It had to be somewhere close to where we were because many of the people walk. Over that weekend I prayed and prayed for an answer, but nothing. Finally, in the early hours of Tuesday morning while I was awake praying for an answer, I received it. "Go to the Commons" I heard. The Commons? Really? I had been there for meetings before and knew a woman connected with those meetings, so I texted her first thing already knowing that somehow it would be the answer since the Lord was the one who said it. By the end of that day, it was all set up. We served our meal on Thursday without missing a beat and have been there ever since, and it has been wonderful. We are so grateful to the Alliance Greater Foundation for allowing us to use this space to continue to serve our community. God is so good, all the time!

***"With God, all things are possible."***

***Matthew 19:26***