

THE **LIGHTHOUSE**



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COMMUNITY

LUNCH

INITIATIVE

STARTS

WITH

YOU!

Registration Package



WELL HELLO THERE!

Who We Are: The Lighthouse Soup Kitchen and Shelter has been serving Orillia's homeless and vulnerable since 1992.

A lighthouse that sits at the edge of the ocean is there for the darkest nights or storms, it guides ships to safety. Except - the lighthouse itself isn't the final destination, the safety of the harbour is.

The same is true for The Lighthouse Soup Kitchen and Shelter. We guide the vulnerable out of life's storms, provide physical needs (food and shelter), give spiritual hope and point the way to wellness (connecting and anchoring our clients into the community with permanent, safe housing).

Our Vision: Guiding the vulnerable out of life's storms towards hope.

Our Mission: Providing a safe place that meets physical needs, gives spiritual hope and points the way to wellness.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY LUNCHES INITIATIVE?

Near the end of the month, food security for our clients is a challenge. Currently, we host community dinners the first Tuesday of every month. We are looking to expand this program to provide no-cost community lunches to our clients **every third Saturday of the month**. We hope to see this extend for the next 12 months with your involvement.

In order to make this initiative a reality, we need willing and generous community members to partner with. This is a great opportunity, not only to build community relationships, but to serve those in need. We have already partnered with United Way Simcoe Muskoka, who is providing funding for this project.



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WHO CAN HELP?

If you are a business, group of families, an organization, or a church group - you can host a community lunch!

WHAT YOU WOULD DO:

To host a community lunch, your organization/business/group would:

- Provide enough food for **75 individuals**. Please include a **main course, side/salad, dessert and drinks!** (Meal ideas can be found below).
- Provide **volunteers to prepare and serve the meal, as well as cleanup afterward.**

If you cannot recruit volunteers, just let The Lighthouse know! Lunches will be hosted at The Lighthouse Soup Kitchen & Shelter (48 Peter St S, Orillia).

HOW TO REGISTER:

If you are interested in partnering with us through the Community Lunches Initiative, please send an email to trish@orillialighthouse.ca with the following information:

1. Business name/affiliated organization/group name
2. Month selected
3. Meal theme (see below)
4. Type of food/quantity (description of meal)
5. Your contact information
 - a. Designated contact
 - b. Phone number
 - c. Email address
6. Volunteers
 - a. Prep/Servers (Suggested: 4)
 - b. Dishes/Cleanup (Suggested: 2)



NEED A LUNCH IDEA?

We suggest using a “theme” when planning your meal. This makes it easy to think of what to make and it also makes it easy for us to promote! Here are some theme + food suggestions:

- Beach BBQ: hot dogs, burgers, sausages, salad, rice krispies, iced tea
- Italian: spaghetti with meatballs, caesar salad, garlic bread, juice, squares
- Mexican: tacos, fajitas, burritos, chips & salsa, rice pudding, pop
- Southern BBQ: pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, mac & cheese, lemonade, cobbler
- From the Farm: chicken pot pie, stew, fresh vegetables and fruit, egg salad, pie, fruit juice
- Pizza Extravaganza: pizza, chips & pop, ice cream sandwiches
- Backyard BBQ: grilled food, chips & dips, sandwiches, pop, brownies
- Ethnic: stir fry, butter chicken, perogies, tandoori chicken, juice, cookies
- Holiday Themes: roast beef/turkey/ham, corn, mashed potatoes, fruit juice, cake

"It was exciting to share a Birthday Celebration for many who have felt forgotten on their special day/month. The cake, gifts and opportunity it gave us to meet the people attending The Lighthouse, to see their smiles, hear their gratitude and feel their joy was the greatest blessing."

CALVARY PENTECOSTAL
TABERNACLE CONGREGATION

"It was a wonderful experience to watch men and women from our church as they served and engaged with those who came to The Lighthouse for our community dinner. Sharing a meal with others is such a great way to connect, and our time at The Lighthouse made that connection possible for us. I look forward to bringing our team back in the very near future."

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TAX RECEIPTS

If you need an **in-kind tax receipt**, that's no problem! Please provide us with a bill/receipt of the goods donated, and we will issue you a tax receipt.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The Lighthouse will have a photographer present at all events. Photos will be posted to The Lighthouse social media accounts, and will be shared with the United Way Simcoe Muskoka. This is a great way to show the community how much you care!

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions/concerns/comments, or would like to sign up for a community lunch, please contact **Trish Holloway, Operations Manager** at The Lighthouse Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

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The Lighthouse is located at:

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