



### **Being of Service During the Holidays (for Groups)**

During the Holiday Season many company groups, service organizations, clubs, and neighborhood groups wish to give back to the community and to help our less fortunate neighbors. We have limited numbers of positions available for serving at the Holiday meals of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. (These need to be scheduled the morning of the first day of the month of the Holiday, e.g., November 1 for Thanksgiving Day).

Groups may schedule a day of service, Monday through Friday by e-mailing to [paduadiningroom@gmail.com](mailto:paduadiningroom@gmail.com) (preferred) or calling the Dining Room at (650) 365-9664 and leaving a message.

Serving the hot meal isn't the only way people can be of service.

- We can always use frozen turkeys. A Turkey Drive among your members is another way to contribute, without having to schedule a morning to be on-site at St. Anthony's Dining Room.
- We distribute Holiday food bags at Thanksgiving and Christmas. These food bags are a more complete meal for a family of 2 to 4, and are supplemented by the fresh vegetables and fruit we have available on that day. We have prepared a [list of items](#) from Costco that we can use for volunteer groups to assemble up to 700 complete meal dinner bags for each holiday.
- New socks and gently used warm outer wear are always needed by our guests at this time of the year. Organizing and conducting a sock drive or warm coat drive among your membership, then bringing the results here and having lunch with our guests is a nice alternate.
- Each year we collaborate with the Menlo Park Fire District and other Fire Fighters for our Christmas Toy give-away program. We need new, unwrapped toys for babies to preteens for the 2000 or so families we assist. The Fire Fighters put out and pick up collections containers for this toy drive, and groups can arrange for collection of their assembled toys.

These are just some of the ways groups may contribute to St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room and participate in the Holiday Spirit of helping the less fortunate.

We also find that money donations directly to St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room give us the flexibility to supplement in-kind donations so we can be of maximum service.

Best Wishes in the Holidays,

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