

ROOM IN THE INN 2009 at BETHEL HAVEN

As Jesus said: ...for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...**whatever you do for the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me.**

In keeping with our mission of being humble servants to reach beyond our own membership into the community to serve others, we are preparing for another year of Room in the Inn (RITI) and we invite you to be a part of this ministry.

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. **Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...taking the very nature of a servant.**

Phillipians 2:4-7

There are 6 areas of opportunity available. Please, prayerfully consider where you can help ease a burden for those who have no home, food or cozy bed to lay their head each night. Help provide our guests with one night of nourishment, comfort and safety.

Honor God by joining the RITI team to show Jesus to our neighbors as we serve their needs.

...**for even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...**Mark 10:45a

We carry out this mission every Saturday from December 1st through March 31st.

If you have any questions, please contact the coordinator of the area you are interested in or Dia Harrill: diaharrill@bellsouth.net 704.451.6928

TRANSPORTATION

Coordinator: Mal Murray 704.892.7165 mtmurray@aol.com

WHAT: Drive or ride-along in church van to Urban Ministry Center, N. College St. Charlotte, to pick up or return 10 guests who spend Saturday night with us.

WHEN: Saturday afternoons from 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Sunday mornings from 6:50 - 8:15 am

WHERE: Leave from Bethel Haven and pick up/drop off guests at the Urban Ministry Center on N. College St. in Charlotte.

TIME REQD: Approx. 1 ½ hours for each trip.

Good to Know:

Friendly, helpful spirit

Good driving record, experience with large vehicles a plus, training available.

8-10 people (or more!) to share this would make it an enjoyable experience for all.

Sign up for Saturday afternoons or early Sunday mornings - or both!

Drive or just ride along. 2 adult church members needed in the van at all times

SET UP / CLEAN UP

Coordinator: Connie Searle 704.895.1994 csearle221@yahoo.com

WHAT: Ensure overall "readiness of the home for guests"
Set up: Assemble and make beds(cots), set dining table, etc.
Clean up: Once guests leave, break beds down, gather linens, wash bathrooms, vacuum carpet, etc

WHEN: **Set up:** 4:30 Saturday Afternoon
Clean up: 7:30 am Sunday morning & finish prior to 9:00 A.M.

WHERE: Bethel Haven

TIME REQD: Set up - approximately 1 hr
Clean up – approximately 1 ½ hrs

Good to Know:
Each week - 2 people needed, 3 people preferred
Sign up for either or both tasks

OVERNIGHT HOSTS

Coordinator: Jill Cain 704.237.4180 cain8356@roadrunner.com

WHAT: Spend the night at Bethel Haven with the guests
WHEN: 6:00 pm Saturday night through Sunday morning breakfast 7:00 am
WHERE: Bethel Haven
TIME REQD: Overnight (12-13 hrs)

Good to Know:
2 people needed each night (1 male/1 female)
Arrive around 6 PM to enjoy a meal with our guests.
Assist the dinner crew with some kitchen clean up.
Do 2-3 light loads of guests' laundry
Sleep overnight on living area couches
Guests depart at 7 AM and overnight hosts are done with their duties at that point.
Hosts should bring their own sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, and comfortable sleepwear/sweatpants, etc.

DINNER

Coordinator: Beth Phares 704.892.9936 nfl10@bellsouth.net

WHAT: Prepare dinner for guests plus staff (12-14)
WHEN: 5:30 pm Saturday evenings
WHERE: Bethel Haven
TIME REQD: Your Prep time plus 1-1 ½ hours at the Haven to serve/clean up

Good to Know:
Must be ready to serve by 6:00 pm!
Can prepare meal at home or at Bethel Haven
You are encouraged to stay and have dinner with the hosts and guests
Sit down dinner in the dining room with real plates and silverware (dishwasher works!)

LUNCHES

Coordinator: Susan Cook 704.820.0248 susan.cook@btol.com

WHAT: Pack 1 bag lunch each for 10 guests.
WHEN: Deliver lunches to Bethel Haven before 6:30 am.
WHERE: Prepare lunches in your home
TIME REQD: About 1 hour prep time.

Good to Know:
Sign up alone, with a friend or make it a group effort!

Each bag should be the following: 1 or 2 sandwiches, 1 fruit, 1 bag chips, 1 dessert, 1 drink
Get your children involved! This is a great way to teach them to serve others.

BREAKFAST

Coordinator: Barbara Dresser 704.896.2695 bdresser@mi-connection.com

WHAT: Prepare breakfast for guests plus staff (12-14)

WHEN: 6:00 am Sunday mornings

WHERE: Your home & Bethel Haven

TIME REQD: Prep time plus 1 hour to serve/clean up

Good to Know:

Must be ready to serve by 6:30 am!

Can prepare at home or at Bethel Haven

Do it alone, with you family, a friend or a group!

SNACKS

Coordinator: Judy Williams 704.896.0205 cajunjaw@yahoo.com

WHAT: Prepare snacks for guests to enjoy after dinner

WHEN: Deliver by 6:00 pm Saturday evenings

WHERE: Your home

TIME REQD: 30 min +

Good to Know:

Do it alone, with you family, a friend or a group!