

Caritas FAQs

How do I get involved with DANA as a volunteer with Caritas?

Primary volunteer opportunities consist of working in the Community Kitchen once a month. However, there will be periodic events throughout the year that will allow DANA members to become involved with Caritas – food drives, special events, etc.

When does DANA volunteer at Caritas Community Kitchen?

DANA staffs the Community Kitchen on the 1st Friday of each month. Two shifts are offered from 9:00am-11:00am and 11:00am-1:00pm. Become a regular volunteer or just sign up for a Friday that is convenient for you.

How do I sign up to volunteer?

Please email the volunteer coordinator, Lindsay Wiebrand at lindsaywiebrand@yahoo.com with your level of interest and availability so she can keep an accurate schedule and ensure the shifts are covered.

What should I wear?

Volunteers are typically on their feet for the duration of their shift. Therefore, be sure to wear comfortable and closed-toe shoes. Aprons will be provided at Caritas upon arrival.

Where do I park?

Caritas is located at 611 Neches Street. There are 2-hour parking meters on the street and a pay lot across from Caritas on Neches.

What can I expect when I volunteer?

Tasks in the Caritas kitchen vary, but usually involve lunch preparation, ongoing clean-up, and serving as many as 450 lunches. The kitchen can get quite hectic, but the Caritas staff has developed some processes and assemblies to keep things moving smoothly.

Who do I report to when I arrive for my volunteer shift?

When you walk in the front door to Caritas, there is typically a security guard or desk staff greeting visitors. Let them know you are volunteering in the kitchen. They will point you in the right direction. When you get to the pantry/kitchen door, you will need to again let the staff member know that you are volunteering in the kitchen, and they will let you through the locked door.

Once in the kitchen, be sure to sign in the guest book as a DANA volunteer. The guest book is located in the kitchen staff's office. This is also where you may leave your belongings.

What is Caritas?

Caritas is our local Community Kitchen for the homeless. www.caritasofaustin.org

Have more questions? Email Lindsay at lindsaywiebrand@yahoo.com.