



Homes *with* Hope
Solving homelessness in our communities through supportive housing

**Community Kitchen at Gillespie Center/Hoskins Place
45 Jesup Road (behind Restoration Hardware)
203.226.1661**

**If for any reason you are unable to provide dinner on your assigned night,
please call Jeff Wieser (203.226.3426 ext. 14) and the Gillespie Center (203.226.1661),
as soon as possible, so other arrangements can be made.**

Dinner is served from 5:00pm - 6:00pm

- The Gillespie Center is staffed 24/7, so a staff member will be in the office when you arrive
- Dinner plates, cups, napkins, silverware, serving utensils and beverages are supplied by the kitchen
- If you are unable to stay and serve your meal, the food can be dropped off ahead of time and the HWH staff will serve the dinner
- All clean-up will be done by the Gillespie Center clients; the dishwasher is commercial-grade and all clients have been given instruction for proper handling and usage

The diners arrive promptly at 5:00pm and are ready to eat, so please arrive with your cooked meal by 4:45pm.

If you need to heat any of your food please arrive earlier so you have enough time to warm everything, set up the meal on the counter, and are ready to serve at 5:00pm. There is an oven/stove and a small microwave for warming food but no cooking is allowed on the premises, per the Health District.

2nd helpings (if available) may be served starting at 5:20pm and then only if the guests have been served. Generally there will be a lull in the number of people coming to the serving window indicating that all have had their first helping. Any leftovers that can be used for another meal are good to leave behind. Casseroles can be left if you do not want the pan back; or you can transfer the food into a Gillespie Center pan.

You can add to your experience at the Community Kitchen by enjoying dinner with residents; our guests are curious about who you are and why you've agreed to provide us with a meal. Generally, we also find that volunteers are equally curious about the diners and their experience with homelessness. We are always glad to have children volunteer and our clients welcome and enjoy their involvement. In many cases seeing your children will inspire them to become compliant with their own treatment goals in the hope that they may eventually reunite with their own children.

Meal Suggestions

We kindly ask that all meals be well-balanced and that there is enough to feed 25 -30 people. Any kind of meat or poultry is always greatly appreciated. The main course along with a side dish of potatoes, pasta or rice and a

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Hales Court, Hayes Avenue, Sasco Creek Village-supportive housing
Gillespie Center & Hoskins Place-shelter for men and women
Bacharach Community-shelter for women and children
Women's Mentoring Initiative-mentoring for women
Community Kitchen-30,000 served annual Food Pantry-non-perishable food for all in need



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vegetable/salad, etc. is an ample meal. Fresh fruit is recommended for dessert, although regular desserts are enjoyed as well. Please note that often times this dinner may be the only cooked meal of the day for some of the diners. Our best advice to everyone is to make the dish that stresses you out the least; the one you feel the most confident making and could put together “in your sleep”.

Dinner plates, cups, napkins, silverware, serving utensils and beverages are supplied by the kitchen, although the diners enjoy lemonade, iced tea or juice.

Pre-Prepared Meals

If you prefer, here are a few take-out establishments that have been used in the past:

Angelina's

Post Plaza Shopping Center
1092 Post Road East
203.227.0865

Fortuna's

1244 Post Road East
203.226.3587

Calise's Food Market

734 Post Road East
203.227.3257

Stew Leonard's

100 Westport Avenue
Norwalk
203.847.7213

General

Please submit recipe suggestions by email to share with our other volunteers – tips and tricks that have helped you will also help others.

In addition to serving dinner every night at 5:00pm, volunteers also provide and serve lunch on the weekends. If you are serving lunch on the weekends, all the rules and information for dinner apply.

Many thanks for your support!

Please sign our “guest book” before you leave the Gillespie Center. If you would like to receive a letter to submit for a charitable tax deduction please leave your mailing address with the supervisor on duty.

Everyone involved with the Gillespie Center, Hoskins Place, and Homes with Hope greatly appreciate this essential service you are providing.

If you have any suggestions for improving our service please call or email Jeff Wieser (203.226.3426 ext. 14 or jwieser@hwhct.org).

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