

King's Banquet

Overview

King's Banquet is a great way to connect with those on the street and provide the opportunity for them to come off the streets if they are ready.

The goal is to connect with a church/ministry/shelter close to where the homeless migrate to make it our home base. This is where the group will meet, stuff will be stored, and the actual banquet will take place, though that can vary depending on location. If needed, you can "bus" them in.

Have different programs (Adult & Teen Challenge, Eagle Creek, Goodwill, etc...) on hand or intake numbers readily available for those that decide they are ready to get off the streets. Arrangements should be made ahead of time for them to be transported that same day.

In the past we have set up a fundraising link through the local church and/or program for backpacks and solar powered lanterns to give out. The solar powered lanterns are really a favorite because they don't need batteries.

If you can have someone available to cut hair, it is a great service to provide!

Activity Prep and Execution

- Planning –
 - Connect with area churches/programs
 - Designate "home base"
 - Collect items for backpacks
 - Hit the streets 2-3 days before the event, ministering to and inviting the homeless to the banquet (Hard candy is a great tool to open conversations)
 - Notify local law enforcement so they are aware of what is happening
- Day of event –
 - Prepare the banquet
 - Bus in people if needed
 - Welcome guests
 - Begin Banquet
 - Serve Meal
 - Message
 - Hand out Supplies
 - Additional Ministering
 - End Banquet
 - Pray
 - Bus people back or transport to program

Volunteer Needs

This just depends on you, obviously the greater the number, the better. Everyone should have a partner and never be left to go into the streets alone. We suggest 3 or more people to a group. No closing your eyes when praying for people. No fancy clothes or jewelry.

Supply Needs

- Backpacks
- Toiletries
- Hard Candy
- Jackets/Sweaters
- Socks
- Winter Clothes
- Blankets
- Solar Powered Lanterns
- Biblical Literature/Tracks
- Meal and Decorations for Banquet

Potential Partners

- Local Church
- Local Homeless Shelters
- Special Needs Programs
- Recovery Living Shelters
- Area ATC Programs
- Available Inpatient Programs
- Hairstylists
- Local Government