



Resource The City 2019 Overview

MOST IMPORTANT THING: You don't need a passport or a bankroll to make a difference in your community!

Why are we here today? To serve people, demonstrating mercy to Cincinnati by supporting the efforts of local food pantries by stocking their shelves with the most needed items. Today you will be showing God's love to families in need through meeting the practical needs of their local food pantries.

For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land." -Deuteronomy 15:11 ESV

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. -Isaiah 58:10 NLT

Why Resource the City? Did you know? Food stamps (SNAP benefits) cannot be used to buy non-food items like soap, cosmetics, laundry products, paper goods, or other household products.

OUTREACH RUN DOWN/INSTRUCTIONS:

Here's how it works:

Each student group will be given a **\$150.00** gift card and **45 minutes (or less)** to value shop for non-food items (see suggested shopping list below). **You can NOT add money to the gift card amount.** You must be finished shopping, checked out, and back on the bus by your designated transition time. We are partnering with many local food banks in the city. Each group will be assigned a particular food bank to resource. Upon arrival at your food bank partner, check in with the onsite contact (See attached route sheet) to deliver your items and learn more about that organization.

CHALLENGE: How many items can you purchase and not go over budget and stay within the time constraints? **You can NOT add money to the gift card amount.**

Once back on the bus, those groups will be taken to a local food pantry to organize, sort and stock that pantry.

● AM Schedule: GREEN

- 11 AM - 11:45 PM: Shopping for Resource The City items
- 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM: Transition/Travel to local food bank (See route sheet)
- 12:15 PM - 1 PM: Sort/Organize/Stock purchased items onto food bank shelves.
- 1 PM - 1:30 PM: Transition/Travel to The Freedom Center
- 1:30 PM - 2 PM: LUNCH at the picnic tables on site of the Freedom Center

● PM Schedule: YELLOW

- 1:30 PM - 2 PM: Transition/Travel to Resource The City
- 2 PM - 2:45 PM: Shopping for Resource The City items
- 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM: Transition/Travel to local food bank (See route sheet)
- 3:15 PM - 4 PM: Sort/Organize/Stock purchased items on foodbank shelves.
- 4 PM - 4:30 PM: Travel to Church

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OUTREACH TIPS

- Get your plan together first and then execute that plan.
- Stay on task with the role assigned.
- Timing is everything. Keep the pace to stay on schedule.
- Challenge: How many items can you purchase without going over spending? **You can NOT add money to the gift card amount.**
- Be creative and strategic to stretch your money.
- Remember you are representing Jesus and the people you are serving when you are shopping. Don't be loud or disruptive in the store.
- **EVERYONE MUST PARTICIPATE**
- Individuals or groups may NOT leave the assignment prior to what is listed on the scheduled time unless instructed to do so by SOS staff.
- If you finish up early, call/check in with Outreach Central.
- Be respectful to the stores, the project leaders, the foodbank staff, and your team members.
- You are here to work and serve. You are NOT here to play or sit around.
- When in doubt check in with Outreach Central.

Pro Tip: Submit your itemized receipt to Outreach Central (4:30 pm deadline). The team that spends the most without going over the limit will receive Graeter's Ice Cream, a local Cincinnati treat. *Items listed on receipt that don't match the shopping list disqualifies that team for the prize. Oh, and only spend the resources given you, none of your own.

List of suggested Non-Food items:

- **Laundry Detergent** (*Liquid or Powder*)
- **Dish Detergent/soap**
- **Shampoo** (*not conditioner*)
- **Bar Soap**
- **Body Lotion**
- **Liquid General Purpose Cleaner - capped bottle or spray** (*this may be good/tricky for kids to shop for - have to read labels and make sure not just for bathroom, toilets, etc. Pantries have limited room but that is a highly requested item*).
- **Deodorant**
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Paper towels**
- **Toothpaste**
- **13 gallon tall kitchen drawstring bags**
- **Size 4-6 diapers**
- **All sizes of pull-ups**
- **Baby wipes**

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