



FOR ME

potluck

MATTHEW 25:40

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did **For Me.**"

WHY

The intent of the "For Me" Potluck is to encourage participating churches in White County to conduct a congregational potluck to help raise funds for Jacob's Place, White County's temporary housing resource for homeless families with children. **This is a love offering event and any donation amount is appreciated.**

HOW

Members of the church will provide the potluck meal and 100% of the admission price and collected donations will be given to Jacob's Place to be used toward operational costs.

Potlucks will be organized by local churches and promoted to:

Church members
Local businesses
Family members

A Jacob's Place video presentation will be given to participating churches to share during the potluck event. Additional donations will be accepted during that time as well.

GOAL

To support Jacob's Place annual cost of operation, approximately \$150,000.

IDEAS

- Youth group and church members encourage family, friends and co-workers to attend the potluck as an outreach effort to help the homeless in White County, Arkansas.
- Post the event on your church's road-side signage the week prior to the event to build unified awareness across the county.
- Set a church goal that you share with the congregation.

To sign your church up, visit ForMePotluck.com

empowering homeless families



STEP 1: CONFIRM PARTICIPATION

Visit www.ForMePotluck.com and click on the link "Sign Up".

Simply fill in your church's information and download the information packet. Once you have registered your church, you will automatically be added to the list of participating churches.

STEP 2: PLAY "FOR ME" VIDEO

Play the "FOR ME" video during your church's announcements. The 3-minute video will communicate statistics of homelessness and hunger issues in America and even in White County, Arkansas. The video will also introduce Jacob's Place Homeless Mission as a Christian Homeless shelter and empowerment program and encourage the congregation to participate in the potluck fundraising event at your church.

The video is available on ForMePotluck.com to view or download. You can also request a DVD to be mailed to you.

STEP 3: SIGN UP

Create a sign-up process and encourage the congregation to sign up to bring food for the potluck following the church service when the video was played.

(Sign up sheets are included in your packet!)

[[Suggested Announcement]]:

"We have a wonderful opportunity as a congregation to participate in a fundraising event called the "For Me Potluck". The proceeds from this Potluck will benefit Jacob's Place, a local shelter and rehabilitation center for homeless families with children.

Our church has chosen to participate in this county-wide effort by holding our own potluck lunch after services and asking for a love offering as admission to the potluck to benefit Jacob's Place.

Please sign the "sign up" sheet located _____ if you can bring a dish for the meal. We encourage everyone to attend this potluck lunch for great food, fellowship, and an opportunity to support a great cause. Please invite your family, coworkers, and friends to attend service and join us for the For Me Potluck!"

STEP 4: REMINDER

A week before, make the same announcement and play video again.

Remind everyone to attend the potluck the following week, to bring a dish, and to be prepared to make a love offering for Jacob's Place.

Also, please change your outside church sign to read:

**JOIN US "FOR ME POTLUCK"
DONATIONS BENEFIT WHITE COUNTY HOMELESS**

STEP 5: POTLUCK TIME

It's Potluck time! We suggest that churches have an appointed person standing at each entrance to the For Me Potluck to accept the donations for admission.

This is a LOVE OFFERING, and all donations of any size are welcomed and appreciated!

Step 6: SEND DONATION CHECK TO JACOB'S PLACE

Please consolidate all donations, both cash and checks and send ONE CHECK to:

Jacob's Place Homeless Mission
P.O. Box 1643
Searcy, AR 72145

