

BRIAN'S BRIGADE // PROCEDURES

For several years we have honored the life of Brian Tindale through faithful service to the residents of HOPE Community. We provide an evening meal on the first Thursday of each month (12 months each year).

Form A Team

We encourage small groups, Life Groups or families to consider serving together, however, a team of individuals can also serve together. Here are our recommendations for forming a team:

1. No more than 4-5 people are needed in the serving line on a given evening. More than this amount of people in the serving line can make the task physically difficult.
 2. Any amount of people can be involved in the food preparation or donation of money or food items. Many times a large Sunday School class will pool together to cook or supply food and money, and a few representatives of the group will go to serve the meal.
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Meal Preparation

The team must decide how to prepare the meal. *The meal should include a main dish, sides and a dessert. Drinks and dinnerware are provided by HOPE Community.* You can generally expect to **serve around 80 people** (50 adults, 30 children) in a given meal. Due to weather and other constantly changing conditions, you will want to get an updated number the week of the meal. There are many possibilities, but here are a few options that are commonly done:

1. **Prepare the meal at home.** The team will cook various parts of the meal and bring them, ready to go, to the HOPE Community Center. Or, items can be pre-prepared and heated up at the HOPE kitchen. Be sure to include enough time for heating when you plan your meeting time.
2. **Prepare the meal in the HOPE Community kitchen.** The HOPE Community Center has a large commercial kitchen where you may choose to cook your meal. You can arrive as early as 3PM to use the kitchen.
3. **Cater the meal.** Some teams choose to have the meal catered and simply bring it to the kitchen and serve.

Meal Service

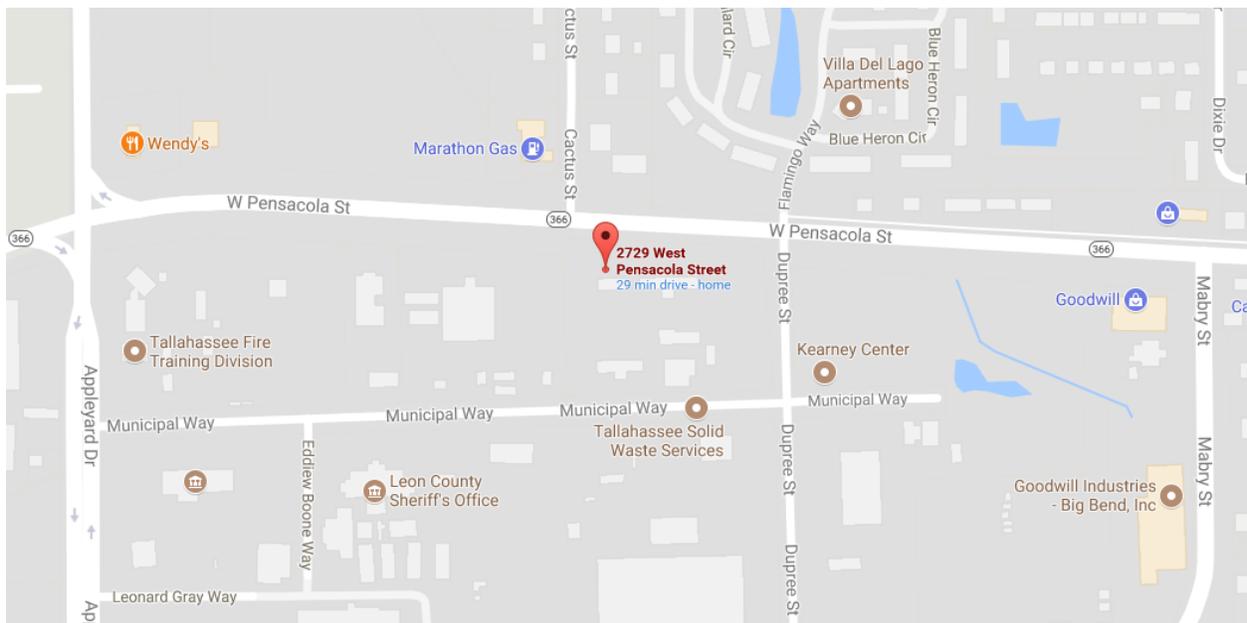
Meal service begins promptly at 5PM and ends at 5:30PM. Be sure your team arrives with enough time for any preparation that needs to happen for your meal. If your food is absolutely 100% ready to go, plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early to organize the space and get acclimated.

Once the meal is served, it is nice for members of your group to eat with the residents and hear a little bit of their stories. You will find that they are much like you.

All clean-up is done by the HOPE Community residents, so there is no need to clean the kitchen or dining area.

Location and Contacts

2729 W Pensacola Street (park and enter from Municipal Way)



You will enter through the back of the building, directly into the kitchen.

You will want to contact **Rhonda Hopkins** (Food Service Manager) early in the week to confirm the amount of residents being served. You can reach her most easily by phone, at (850) 792-9431, or by email at rhopkins@bigbendhc.org. She can also answer any questions you may have about the kitchen space, service, parking, etc.