



Ideas for Connection from Churches across the Conference

Here is a list of ideas that came from ministries like yours in our food ministry check-ins!

- Food choice: Let people choose the food they are given based on preferences or dietary concerns
- Sunday meals with a host church with alternating churches providing the meal
- Work with local police departments to hand out food
- Serve from the parking lot, so there is no pressure from being inside the church
- Serve a monthly birthday cake, inviting those in line to take a piece and letting you know when their birthday is
- Provide birthday supplies (age-appropriate toy, banner, candles, special treat), asking the counselor to add it to the backpack of food
- Recruit volunteers from unexpected places like local high school teams and clubs, college students, community service participants, and residential treatment programs
- Purchase crockpots at thrift stores for those without access to other cooking appliances, offering healthy recipes to go with it
- Encourage hunters to donate extra venison to Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry – free processing to be donated to food pantry
- Meet children at the bus stop to hand out snacks
- Provide a “Buy Nothing” space for clients to pick up donated items, like personal hygiene products, business casual clothing, small appliances, cleaning supplies, etc. during food distributions or meals
- Partner with a local grocery store to hand out vouchers with meals or food distributions to pick up perishable items like milk, eggs, and cheese