

BECOME A MEAL SHARE
MEMBER WITH TWO EASY STEPS:

1. SIGN THE MEAL SHARE
AGREEMENT AND GET MORE
INFORMATION ON -

[MIDLANDS MEAL SHARE](#)

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AND

2. APPLY FOR A [FREE PERMIT*](#)

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Parks and Recreation
803.545.3100

**Serving meals in a public park without a permit
is prohibited*

LOOKING FOR MEAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA AREA?

*WHY SERVE ALONE WHEN YOU CAN
SERVE WITH OTHERS WHO CARE?*

JOIN ONE OF OUR MEAL SHARE
PROVIDERS:

Resurrections, a non-profit organization, is
supported entirely through donations and
volunteer staff. Resurrections hosts weekly
Saturday lunches at Kelly Law Center.
Volunteering is not limited to meal services.

For more information, please contact:
Larry Nichols at 803.530.0111 or
LSN111@twc.com

153 Project serves a hot meal to those in need
and those experiencing homelessness every
Wednesday night in Finlay Park.
Donations of food, blankets, socks, underwear,
and essential toiletries are welcomed.

For more information, please contact:
Scott Shull at 803.603.3456 or
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MIDLANDS MEAL SHARE



*The central goal of Midlands Meal Share is to improve
coordination of meals for people who are homeless
in the community.*

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WHAT IS MIDLANDS MEAL SHARE?

In Spring 2015, United Way of the Midlands, in conjunction with the City of Columbia, began working collectively with faith based organizations, civic groups, and neighborhood associations to increase coordination of meal sharing programs in the City of Columbia. Each organization has been instrumental in bringing all concerns to the forefront and each is working together to improve collaboration.

Midlands Meal Share members work together to provide meals to homeless individuals to ensure those in-need do not go hungry while preventing duplication of meal services and minimizing food waste.



HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

*Become a Meal Share Member
by signing the -*

MEAL SHARE AGREEMENT:

- ◇ Apply for a permit through the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◇ Be respectful of patrons with publicity and social media posts.
- ◇ Ensure all feeding areas are clean after meals.
- ◇ Maintain order during feeding times (i.e., providing tickets to maintain place in line for meals).
- ◇ Treat all patrons with dignity and respect regardless of their socio-economic situation.
- ◇ Distribute food to maximize use and minimize waste.
- ◇ Meal services should not conflict with other uses of public or private space.
- ◇ Provide meals in safe conditions.
- ◇ Provide meals in locations with adequate access to restrooms.

Benefits of being a Meal Share Member:

- ◇ **FREE Membership**
- ◇ **Networking opportunities with 50+ Meal Share providers and members, volunteers, and agencies that provide services to homeless individuals.**
- ◇ **Receive FREE information on best practices for serving meals, trainings, agency events, and updates**
- ◇ **Invitation to meetings for up-to-date information on services that are provided to homeless individuals**
- ◇ **FREE marketing for your meal-service events**
- ◇ **Volunteer opportunities**

.....AND MORE!!