

A Day at the Day Center

Any given day at the Day Center can go as follows:

7:30-8:00am – Staff and program volunteers arrive and begin making coffee and breakfast (as many as 30-40 individuals may show up). On this morning a volunteer group may be here preparing and serving a special breakfast.

8:30am – The doors are open and our guests are welcomed in. We open the doors early if the weather is nasty. Some of the individuals have spent the night outdoors or in un-air-conditioned apartments and are thankful for the cool, dry, clean room. Some are here to meet and socialize with friends. Some just want to be by themselves.

9:00am – Breakfast is served.

Once a week Pastor John conducts a bible study, a few of our guest are steady participants..

This may be the day that Janine, a hair stylist at Cost Cutters, donates her time to give free hair cuts.

JDK Ministries conducts a weekly drug and alcohol recovery program open to anyone.

10:00am-12:00pm – The TV is rolled out and the movie watching begins.

Some individuals are being helped with applications to various agencies and job applications.

Our guests also utilize the other programs resources available at Hope Center. They come and go, utilizing the resources of other agencies in the area. Our staff may have advocated for them and set up the appointments.

Some request bus tickets to go to interviews, medical appointments etc.

The staff and program volunteers are cleaning up after breakfast and preparing lunch. Lunch normally includes soup from Pano's Restaurant.

12:00pm-4:00pm – Lunch is served (20-40 guests) – this may be food prepared and served by a volunteer group or individual.

Karen, the Social Minister, visits the Day Center regularly to spend time listening and counseling guests. The Pro-Health Outreach Nurse also visits the Center regularly. The balance of the afternoon pretty much mirrors the morning. Just before 4:00pm the staff and program volunteers begin cleaning up and looking forward to tomorrow.

All in all, the Center is a hub for many of our guests; they use it as a base of operations and a networking resource. They all know that they are welcome and will be treated with respect and compassion.

How Can You Serve: Please consider spending some time to listen and engage with our guests on a regular basis.

How Can You Donate: Monetary donations should be noted "Day Center". Food should be noted "Meal Program".