



## **VOLUNTEER SIGN IN**

Our anonymous volunteer crafted the second barbeque pit cover into a giant signature plaque for our volunteers to sign. So grab any color permanent marker and sign your name on it.



## **WHO CUT THE CHEESE?**

Our Commissary 'Big Cheese,' often finds food items we need at a very nominal cost from the San Antonio Food Bank. That was the case when he recently purchased 600 pounds of Cheddar cheese! That cheese has more flavor than the usual cheese we use, costs a lot less 'cheese' than we usually pay, but it was not sliced. No problem. 'Cheddar now than never.' A volunteer graciously donated funds for a new slicing machine and we were in the cheese slicing business. So the Monday and Thursday lunch volunteers went to work slicing. After a few sessions, they had the entire 600 pounds sliced. That amounted to about 17,500 slices of cheese! That is enough for about two months of turkey and cheese sandwiches! 'You cheddar believe it!'

We could not get the volunteers to 'say cheese' for a photo, but we did get a photo of the last slice of cheese.



## **STAMP OUT HUNGER – NO POSTAGE STAMP REQUIRED**

The San Antonio Food Bank and the National Association of Letter Carriers are having a Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Letter Carriers will deliver plastic bags to 600,000 households in San Antonio and surrounding areas. Fill the bag with non-perishable food and place it out by your mailbox on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**. Your local Letter Carrier will pick up your food donations as they deliver mail along their routes. See <https://safoodbank.org/stamp-out-hunger/>

## CLEANING LOG



To comply with San Antonio Food Bank requirements, a cleaning log has been placed above the exit light switch in the kitchen. It is a reminder that every crew should clean and log the cleaning. Filled out logs and blank forms are stored in the back of the temperature log folder. So let's fill up those pages and have a clean and sanitary kitchen.

San Antonio Life Academy student, Joey, sweeping.

## FULL SHELVES AGAIN

Recently our storage shelves had been almost bare. That is no more! On April 22, we received three full pickup trucks of food from the San Antonio Food Bank. The cost was minimal. We received the much-needed small chips so we will not have to



rebag or purchase from a warehouse retail store. The back of the editor's small pickup was so loaded that it was practically doing wheelies! Thank you San Antonio Food Bank and grocers who donate to the food bank.

- Tim Coyle and editor

## A HEIARCHY OF CARE FROM *WELCOME HOMELESS*

A hierarchy of care for the homeless includes: Providing funds, providing meals for others to distribute, distributing meals and interfacing directly with the homeless, and providing housing. But Alan Graham, the founder of Mobile Loaves and Fishes and Community First Village for the homeless has advanced his perspective to a level beyond those levels. In his book *Welcome Homeless* he says: *If you believe in mitigating homelessness and bringing palliative relief to those suffering on the streets, then you believe in the power of relation, not transaction. You believe in friendship, not funds. You believe in love as ultimate shelter.*



## Things to do BEFORE you are Through

- \* Sweep and mop the kitchen floor
- \* Clean the tables and counters
- \* **Fill out the cleaning log**
- \* **Fill out the MLF Truck Run Log or on-line report after deliveries and use the bottom section to report any unusual events or problems that occur. The QR code for the reporting website is posted on the bulletin board. This applies whether you use the truck for delivery or not.**
- \* Restock bread in the freezer in the kitchen
- \* Restock peanut butter, jelly, and Ziploc bags into cabinet
- \* Put trash and recyclables into corresponding dumpsters

## Things to do When you are Through

- \* Move oldest boiled eggs from secondary to primary refrigerator
- \* Check and record refrigerator and freezer temperatures
- \* Bag cookies, chips, condiments, etc.
- \* Wash, dry, and fold towels and wash rags
- \* Restock gloves in cabinet
- \* Sort clothes



Our **MLF** ministry needs help for these crucial roles:

**MLF Facebook Administrator**

**Day Volunteer Coordinator**

**Facilities Coordinator**, email [gtdarilek@gmail.com](mailto:gtdarilek@gmail.com) to get information.

If you can assist with any of these jobs, please contact Julie Mellin at [volunteermf@gmail.com](mailto:volunteermf@gmail.com)

## Quick Reminders...

- \* Team Captains should notify [mlfnw@sfasat.org](mailto:mlfnw@sfasat.org) before canceling a meal run.
- \* **If the delivery team has not arrived when the preparation team is finished, put the meals into the walk-in cooler.**
- \* Call the Commissary person (listed on the bulletin board) on duty when you encounter food supply shortages.

\* Please report any kitchen maintenance issues as soon as possible to Glenn Darilek (for now), text at 210-400-4073 or [gtdarilek@gmail.com](mailto:gtdarilek@gmail.com) . It is particularly important to promptly report if a refrigerator or the cooler is not cooling and if the ice machine is not producing.

### **MLF News Content Always Needed**

Send any relevant news to Glenn Darilek, Editor,  
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