

We are looking for Individuals or Organisations who want to work with us to feed the homeless.

As we move into level 3 we anticipate that there will soon be many more hungry and/or homeless people back on the streets.

We are therefore planning to re-open our feeding programme from the middle of June once we have had time to assess how we can prepare and distribute food in a way that minimises infection risks among volunteers and the homeless themselves.

We are assuming that we will need to double our capacity and serve up to 400 hot cooked lunches each day; rather than 'sit down' we will be doing 'take away' (in eco-friendly containers); and we will try to cover 7 days a week (up from our usual 5).

We are therefore looking for individuals and organisations who want to work with us in one or more of the following ways:

Volunteering at the Denis Hurley Centre: we will need volunteers here in Durban CBD (8am-12 noon) to prepare and serve food and we know that some of our previous groups of volunteers will not be available. We are especially looking for volunteers who will make a regular commitment to the same 1 or 2 days each week.

Volunteering at home: if you want to help but are not keen to leave home, you could prepare elements of the meal in your own home, such as chopping vegetables which we would then collect. We could provide ingredients, or you might be willing to donate them as well.

Preparation at your own site: given the limited space of any one kitchen, we are interested in organisations and churches who will prepare elements of the meal off-site. We could provide ingredients, or your organisation might undertake to source them as well.

Taking over preparation one day a week: one huge way of helping would be if your organisation could commit to preparing the entire meal one day a week, preferably something easy to transport like breyani. We would then bring it ready-made, box it up and distribute.

Preparation of breakfast or an evening snack: we are also hoping that we can give people a snack to take away – peanut butter sandwiches etc since they may struggle to find an evening meal or breakfast. We want to hear from organisations who would be willing to take this on one day a week?

If you think you can help with any of these or just want to register your interest please email us today on news@denishurleycentre.org. Feel free to share this with others.