



SJOS VOLUNTEERS NEWS | SEPTEMBER 2022

SJOS FOOD STORE VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to all the volunteers in the SJOS Food Store who have been very busy over the past couple of months. The number of visitors has increased by over 27% and in the month of August, 235 visitors attended the store.

During this time, and from the comments left in the Volunteers Comment Book, there is still an issue about allowing a visitor to collect on behalf of someone else. The visitor rules are posted in the Food Store and they are specifically in place to stop this practice, especially for those trying to abuse the system.

The SJOS mission is to support those in need, and we provide emergency food relief to everyone who comes to the store. We allow all visitors the opportunity to select what they want, and we give everyone the appropriate courtesy and respect to allow them to do so. We want to make sure that there is always food available for those who visit, so we do not want people taking large quantities, depleting what is available.

WE NEED TO DISCOURAGE PEOPLE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT FOR OTHERS BECAUSE IF SOMEONE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE STORE, THEY REALLY NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND THEY NEED TO BE REGISTERED FOR THAT SUPPORT. THERE ARE VISITING SERVICES AVAILABLE AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE WHO CANNOT LEAVE THEIR HOME ARE CARED FOR PROPERLY, BY THE CORRECT SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO ARE TRAINED AND FUNDED TO HELP.

Please suggest the following:

1. Call St Martin's Anglican Church Hawksburn on 03 9827 3324, as they deliver food parcels
2. Call UnitingCare Prahran on 03 9051 1400, as they provide various emergency relief
3. Call Hope Prahran on 03 9510 3326, as they provide emergency food relief

It is really very important that the authorities know about those who are unable to leave their homes.

SJOS BREAD BANK VOLUNTEERS

The 2 Way Freezer is working a little better now and the supply of bread from Woolworths and Baker's Delight has been quite consistent. We never know what we will receive, but we know that this service is greatly appreciated by many. Thank you to those who get up early to collect the bread from Woolworths at 7:00 am, and for those who pick up and pack on Thursday night, after to trip to Baker's Delight Prahran. We have to make sure that all bread is packed in freezer bags, so the extra job of packing is important.

SJOS ROSTERS

The Food Store & Thursday Night Baker's Delight Rosters for September to November are now complete. If you are unable to complete your rostered role, please let Toni Stuart know in advance so that your position can be covered. Thank you.

SOME OTHER SJOS ACTIVITIES

- Saturday **3 September 2022** will be the 100-year anniversary of the foundation stone of the building which is now the SJOS Housing Units.
- The SJOS Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraising is on **Saturday 17 September 2022**
- The SJOS Units Hard Waste Rubbish Day is **Monday 19 September 2022**
- The SJOS Fundraising Team are planning a Walkathon around Albert Park Lake on **Sunday 23 October**.
- The SJOS Garden volunteers continue to provide items for the Food Store, and what they harvest is listed on the white board in the food store. Please refer to that list if you are not sure what is available.

Please let us know if you need any additional information about your volunteer role at SJOS.

Thank You | Outreach Operations Officer | SJOS Board of Management | info@sjos.org.au