

# Become a Host Site

- Complete a Host Application that describes your organization and its commitment to the community.
- Visit a SHARE Host Site in your area for a first-hand view.
- Schedule a presentation or phone conference to answer any additional questions.
- Sign a SHARE Host Agreement outlining the responsibilities of the Host Organization.
- Recruit at least 6-8 individuals willing to give a few hours each month to lead the site.
- Attend a training session conducted by a SHARE representative.

# Physical Plant Requirements

- A fellowship hall or large meeting room
- A vehicle to transport the food from a pickup location in Tampa, Ocala, Tallahassee, Orlando, Sarasota, Ft. Myers, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, or Homestead.
- Refrigeration is not needed since the distribution of food is immediate and meats are frozen solid.
- Several long tables for food packaging.
- A room where registration can be held at least 3 times a month.

# Common Host Questions

## "We are a small or old organization. Will we have enough volunteers?"

SHARE attracts new people from the community who will perform volunteer service at the host site as well as for your organization.

## "What will I do on the SHARE team?"

Tasks like registration, distribution and outreach are divided among a team of volunteers, so that each person contributes to serving the community together.

## "We already have a food pantry. Why should we consider SHARE, too?"

SHARE compliments any organization's food pantry. It expands your ability to serve the community in different ways as well as providing a source of additional food.

## "Where does the food come from?"

SHARE buys food from vendors, growers and manufacturers across the country just as grocery chains do. We combine our volume buying to secure the best prices.

## Monthly SHARE Cycle



# The Leadership Team

Your Host Site team will be made up of 6-8 people willing to give a few hours of each month to lead the host site.

## Host Site Coordinator

Overall supervisor of your host site and contact person for SHARE Florida.

## Registration Leader

Registers participants, collects and turns in \$\$\$ and order to SHARE Florida. Honesty and accuracy are a must.

## Volunteer Service Leader

Directs participants to volunteer service opportunities within the community and at the host site.

## Outreach Leader

Promotes SHARE in your community through the use of flyers, news articles, public speaking, etc...

## Truck Team Leader

Secures vehicle and team to pick up food from warehouse and take it back to the host site.

## Distribution Leader

Supervises the setup and distribution of food at the SHARE host site.



*"Independence? That's middle-class blasphemy. We are all dependent on one another, every soul of us on earth."*

*-George Bernard Shaw*

# Volunteer Service

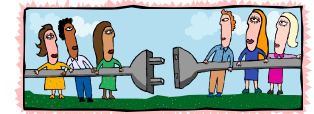
*Volunteer service is the most important ingredient in the SHARE recipe for success.*

SHARE promotes volunteer service as the means by which we grow as individuals as well as the responsibility of everyone to contribute to the well-being of our communities.

SHARE participants are required to perform at least two hours of volunteer service in their community every month.

## Definition of Volunteer Service

Any act of goodwill performed outside the family for free.



## Examples of Volunteer Service

- Bagging Week at the SHARE Warehouse
- Volunteering at your SHARE Host Site
- Hospice Volunteer
- Scout or 4H leader
- Youth Athletic Coach
- Literacy Volunteer
- School Volunteer
- Hospital Volunteer
- Soup Kitchen Server
- Homeless Shelter Volunteer
- Sunday School Teacher
- Youth Group Leader
- Mowing a Friend's Lawn
- Babysitting Your Neighbor's Kids

# What is a Host Site?

Hosts are local no-profit groups that seek to serve their communities. A SHARE Host Site is a:

- Church, Temple or Synagogue
- Community or Senior Center
- Service Club, Veterans' Post
- Other Nonprofit Organizations

## Host Benefits

Organizations that partner with SHARE find many benefits such as:

- Service to the community in a way that preserves dignity and fosters self-sufficiency.
- An organized cadre of new volunteers for your organization and your community.
- Leadership skills development among your members.
- Break down of barriers between races, cultures, religions, economic classes, etc.
- Creation of goodwill and fellowship within your organization and your community.
- Providing a hands-on, ready-made mission for your members that puts the social principles into action.
- Stretching members' budgets by promoting affordable, quality food at excellent savings.
- Supplementing your own organization's food pantry or kitchen through SHARE food.

## Sample Basic SHARE

- 1 lb. Chef's Choice Meatballs
- 2.45 lbs. Split Chicken Breasts
- 1 lb. Boneless Alaskan Salmon Filets
- 1 lb. Value Pack Bacon
- 26 oz. Pomodoro Spaghetti Sauce
- 8 oz. Ore Ida Vidalia Onion Rings
- 3 lbs. Baking Potatoes
- 2 lbs. Onions
- 1 lb. Carrots
- 5 Anjou Pears
- 1 Head Cabbage
- 1 Head Lettuce
- 3 Ruby Red Grapefruit

*Items change monthly.*



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# SHARE Florida is...

- Building a world of better communities through volunteer service.
- A place where everyone is welcome, and people are valued for the unique contribution that each makes to the common good.
- A proud partner in your community.
- An opportunity for all people to share their gifts of time and talents with their community.
- A monthly community food distribution open to everyone.



## Florida Food Network

*Building Community  
Partnerships that Feed  
Body & Spirit*



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*---Margaret Mead*