Safe Place for Youth (SPY) serves 40 meals each weekday for youth at-risk of and experiencing homelessness in West LA. We need your help ensuring a consistent stream of healthy, balanced meals while youth work hard accessing SPY's services.

**MEAL SUPPORT OPTION #1: Monetary Support**

We're looking for supporters able to donate $375 to help sponsor a family-style brunch or $550 to sponsor lunch at our Access Center. After you make a donation, SPY's Meals Coordinator works with restaurants & vendors in our community.

You have the option of helping serve your sponsored meal with up to (3) adult volunteers M / T / Th / F for Brunch 9:45 am - 12:30 pm, or Lunch 12:30 - 4:00 pm. On Wed., brunch is from 9:30 to 11:30 am and lunch is from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

**Next Steps:** Please donate via [www.safeplaceforyouth.org/donate](http://www.safeplaceforyouth.org/donate) with a note "For Meals" or send a check made payable to Safe Place for Youth to 578 Washington Blvd. #398, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 with ATTN: Meals Coordinator. Then please email SPY's Meals Coordinator, at meals@safeplaceforyouth.org to alert us of your meal sponsorship and whether you'd like to serve the meal.

**MEAL SUPPORT OPTION #2: Prepare Family-Style Meals**

Volunteers can prepare family-style meals offsite for 40 youth to then serve at our Venice Access Center with up to (3) adult volunteers M / T / Th / F for Brunch 9:45 am - 12:30 pm, or Lunch 12:30 - 4:00 pm. On Wed., Brunch is from 9:30 to 11:30 am and Lunch from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. We also accept meal drop-off's if you cannot serve.

**Next Steps:** Before making plans to prepare your meal, please first email SPY's Meals Coordinator, at meals@safeplaceforyouth.org to schedule your meal.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I have connections with restaurants. How can I help?

Great! You can either let our Meals Coordinator know by contacting meals@safeplaceforyouth.org, or if appropriate, an e-introduction would be great.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes! SPY is a 501c3 (Tax ID # 84-1802637). Please visit SPY’s In Kind Donation Form required for our internal tracking purposes and for your tax purposes: https://forms.gle/qWUk7zitVXmztyum7

What are some rules I should keep in mind when preparing meals?

- If you are preparing a family-style meal, please wear hairnets or hair ties, wash your hands prior, and wear gloves when preparing the meals.
- If you are preparing a family-style meal, please label each meal as needed (ex. Chicken vs. veggie burrito) and please indicate which items have major food allergens (ex. Milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, soy).
- We always need extra kitchen supplies! Please consider donating catering and chafing dishes, compostable cutlery, and disposable cups.
- Please keep environmental sustainability in mind in all your decisions. For instance, try including biodegradable and compostable cutlery. If you can, choose paper bags over plastic bags, and boxed or canned waters over bottled water.

Can minors volunteer to serve?

Minors cannot volunteer at our Access Center though we welcome them to our Community Garden in Venice! Contact volunteer@safeplaceforyouth.org today.

What else does SPY need most?

We are always in need of in-kind donations! For more info, please visit www.safeplaceforyouth.org/in_kind_donations

Thank you for your support!