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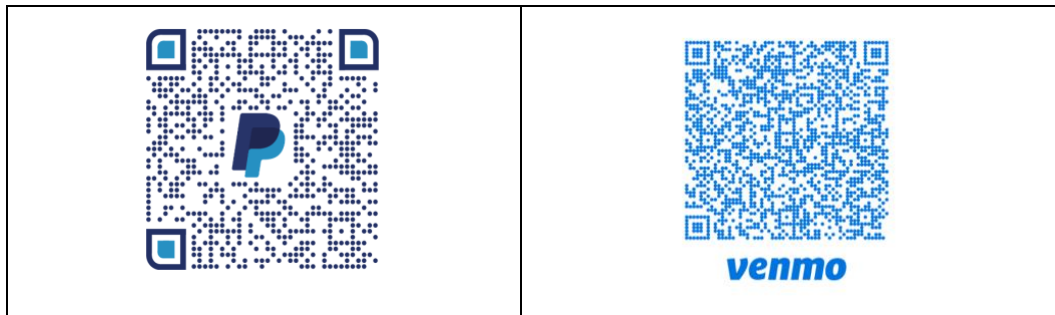
It was early November, and the leaves were just beginning to change colors. A chilly autumn breeze rushed up the sidewalks in Mount Vernon. Meanwhile, preparations for dinner service were well underway at the soup kitchen near the train station as hungry guests in tattered sweaters and coats lined up near the entrance out front. A group of student volunteers from a nearby high school piled out of a bus and raced into the church basement, eager to help package up the meals soon to be distributed. On the dinner menu that night, pizza and fresh salad graciously donated by local supporters, and carefully packaged in take-out containers by volunteers and staff. A bagged lunch--a sandwich, drink and dessert--was also provided.

Just before 5pm, the line of guests was still growing as the savory aroma of pizza wafted out the door. Mothers with strollers, seniors with walkers, young adults with skateboards, and handicapped veterans in wheelchairs were but a few of the many in a line stretching down to the corner of 1st Street and South 2nd Avenue. The student volunteers began ferrying the packaged food to the table just outside the door. There a student with a clipboard and pen smiled at the first guest, and politely asked his name. The older man smiled back, gave his name, and thanked the volunteer and "all yours for your kindness". Forty-five minutes later, 120 meals had been handed out and the service ended.

As the sun dipped behind the buildings in the west, and the leaves spiraled down with each gust of wind, soup kitchen employees and volunteers shut off the lights, closed the doors, and made their way home, each humbled by the feeling that they had just helped save so many from going hungry.

In this day and age that may sound like a made-up story. But this story and many others like it are TRUE! They depict our daily operation, right down to the average number of individuals we serve each night. Where there is hunger and food insecurity, CSA will be there to feed the physical and psychological needs of those most in need. We rely on your support to keep our mission alive.

**Please consider contributing to CSA today.**



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