



Covid-19 Greatly Impacts The Banquet

When the Covid-19 became a global pandemic, The Banquet acted swiftly to strengthen our cleaning and sanitizing procedures and began to serve meals to go on March 13. This change however created many holes in our sponsoring schedule. Several groups were still able to help us, by sponsoring the meal or bringing a handful of volunteers; many more were unable to bring the people needed to successfully serve a meal.

Additionally, the affects of this have continued to ripple through May and the rest of the summer, a time frame where we already struggle to find enough serving groups. When you see this much red in our calendar it means we have MANY openings!

Can you help? Whether you've been here before or you'd be a brand new volunteer for us, we're asking you to consider getting together a small group of people to help serve our guests a hot, delicious meal. Individuals are also encouraged to sign up! Currently, we are serving

all of our meals "carry-out", which helps us to follow CDC and local social distancing guidelines and keep both volunteers and guests safe.

You may sign up your group at <https://thebanquetsf.org/serve-a-meal>. Besides groups, we also are in need of individuals to come and help serve meals. With our meals being served "carry-out" style we only need 6-8 volunteers per meal.

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RED

= Volunteers Needed

Many types of groups have served at The Banquet – book clubs, wedding parties, family reunions, church groups, bible study teams, sport teams, school groups, etc. The cost to sponsor a meal runs from \$450 to \$1,000, depending upon the meal. We've been blessed during this time to receive some additional funds to cover the cost of meals, so if you're interested in volunteering but are unable to commit sponsorship funds, we still want your help!

Questions? Let us know and we are glad to answer them for you.

West Location Ribbon Cutting

The Banquet had one of its most exciting and fun filled days on March 9. The new dining room was full of community members and supporters of The Banquet as we celebrated the grand opening of our new location on the west side of Sioux Falls. Tamera Jerke-Liesinger said, "To be able to expand our ministry and meal service is truly exciting, what a great day!"

Our second full dining room and kitchen is open and serving meals Monday-Friday from 6-7:30 P.M. which replaces the fairgrounds operations that served meals twice a week.



Banquet Angels Come to the Rescue with the Covid-19 Impact

On March 13th, The Banquet decided to temporarily change our meal delivery system by offering meals to go at the door rather than having guests entering our dining room. News from the CDC and government officials regarding the Covid-19 virus have continually helped us in planning to provide meals for our guests the best way we can.

Some sponsoring groups have decided to not bring their workers to prep and serve their meal, leading us to depend upon our Banquet Angels even more than usual. We began using an online sign up platform, SignUp Genius, and post this weekly link on the front page of our website and on our Facebook page, as well as texting it to our Angels.



Interested volunteers can download the SignUp Genius app to sign up or do so on a computer. Please consider registering when asked, the advantage of which is the system will send you reminders of your sign ups ahead of time.



You can join our Banquet Angels and be notified of volunteer openings by texting Angels to 605-413-1971. We truly can NOT do this work without our very loyal Banquet Angels, a group of over 1500 caring individuals who often help with special events, meal serving or office help.

All Are Welcome

During this pandemic, we have taken many calls from people who had never experienced The Banquet. Please share this with anyone who might need our services!

Maybe you have never needed The Banquet before. No need to be nervous or anxious about coming! But please know that we are still open, serving 16 meals a week at our two locations.

- All meals are served carry-out so just walk by our door and pick up a meal.
- Everyone must be present to receive a meal, but if you

have little ones or vulnerable individuals with you they can stay in the car.

- No questions, no I.D. All are welcome!
- Meals are available at both locations Monday-Friday from 6 - 7:30 P.M. Additionally meals are available downtown from 7 - 8 A.M. Monday-Friday and Saturday 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

We want to make life easier for those in need during this time of crisis! Please share this with others that you feel may not know about us, and go to our website for more details!

Stay tuned... and patient!

We continue to monitor CDC guidelines, as well as collaborate with key partners to determine our path going forward. Along with the rest of the world, we are working hard to plan for the coming months' events. In addition to considering when we can re-open our dining room, we are also working with the school district to find the best path for S.O.S. distributions this fall. Please keep a close eye on our Facebook page for updates, and watch your mail for our July newsletter!



Check out our Facebook event, June 13, tag your photos using #bike4banquet. Donate to our event to support our mission!