



Fred's Van Corporate Program

Corporate volunteering goes beyond simple philanthropy. It is a desire across the business to achieve common ground, understanding and empathy.

"A Night Out With Fred" enables organisations to support their employees through community engagement. This program will encourage team building; enhance teamwork and motivation, by engaging employees in the good works of the St Vincent de Paul Society via their work on Fred's Van.

Fred's Van is a mobile food service that feeds those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness from eight sites across Adelaide. This particular program runs from our city van, which feeds the homeless of the inner city five nights a week. Food is prepared from our depot at Hawthorn then distributed from our van at Gawler Place.

Fred's Van provides a service at a time when most other services are unavailable - after hours. We offer our clients a meal, some food to take home, along with blankets and beanies, social contact and compassion - all with no judgement.

How will it help your organisation?

Organisations that demonstrate their corporate social responsibility values create a positive community image both internally and externally. This helps to foster goodwill among potential clients which in turn increases employee team work and motivation.

The World Business Council for Sustainable Development in its publication "Making Good Business Sense" by Lord Holme and Richard Watts used the following definition.

"Corporate Social Responsibility is the continuing commitment by business to behave ethically and contribute to economic development while improving the quality of life of the workforce and their families as well as of the local community and society at large."

What will it do for your employees

This corporate program offers the chance for employees to be a part of the team that provides an important service to the homeless.

It will enhance and improve:

- Team building
- Development of skills and experience e.g. leadership
- Communication
- Innovation and change
- Conflict management
- Self-awareness and discovery

How it works

We offer the chance for a group of five employees to be the team on Fred's Van for one night. They will have an experienced team leader and deputy team leader to help guide and oversee them. The team cooks and prepares the food and loads the van. The food is served on the street in the city, and after this the van returns to base to clean and wash up. The benefits are:

- It is a complete experience. The team cooks, prepares and serves the food.
- 'A Night Out With Fred' requires a time commitment between the hours of 5.30pm and 8.30pm.
- The early evening time that Fred's Van operates, can for most companies mean no loss of work hours as staff will volunteer after their normal work day.
- We offer these opportunities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings
- Your donation and staff time will help Fred's Van to continue to operate.

The Donation

We ask for a donation of \$150 per head for this experience, which equates to \$750 for 5 people.



To register your interest, please contact the Fred's Van Coordinator on (08) 8112 8720.
