

Amanda Lowry, Vice President Controller for OSF HealthCare System, and Treasurer of the Family House Board of Directors shares why the OSF Controller Group provides a meal once a month for Family House guests.

“To serve with the Spirit of Christ is part of our mission at OSF Healthcare. As part of that mission, it is important to find ways to reach out and serve others. The OSF Controller Group is a fairly new department within OSF and I felt it was important for us to come together as a team. The Controller Group consists of Mission Partners that serve in the following areas; General Accounting, Payroll, and Accounts Payable. I also serve on the Board at Family House and it was mentioned that there was a need for groups to prepare/provide meals for the guests. This led me to offering this volunteer opportunity to the OSF Mission Partners in the Controller Group. The group provides a meal once per month for either breakfast or dinner. The sign-up sheet is always full with Mission Partners of OSF willing to show off their culinary skills. This also has been an opportunity for the groups to work together as a team. The group meets to plan the meal and decide who will purchase which ingredients. Then everyone meets at Family House and prepares the meal. The OSF Controller Group has prepared various items including Spaghetti Pie, Taco Bar, and Breakfast with eggs, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage gravy, fruit, and yogurt.

My teams have provided positive feedback regarding their experience at Family House. The experience has been described as “refreshing, fun, humbling, and fulfilling”. One Mission Partner stated, “It was a good way to serve other people and also build better relationships with my coworkers.” Another OSF mission partner stated “it was a wonderful experience and the facility itself was quite impressive.” Another quote that sums up the experiences my team has encountered, “It was a pleasure to provide comfort and relieve a small burden for these families during these difficult times.”