



COMPLIMENTS OF
THE HOUSE

Corporate Volunteering Opportunities

Why us?

Today 8.4 million people in the UK are struggling to eat.

This is the single biggest barrier to academic achievement, developing healthy relationships, and becoming happy, healthy adults.

We're Compliments of The House, a registered charity that collects fresh, surplus food and redistributes it to those in need.

We nourish our guests with food, but we also nourish them through food – improving their mental and physical wellbeing and helping them back into work.

We do this by:

- creating safe, fun and inviting hubs that give a warm welcome to everyone
- offering volunteer opportunities so that our guests can learn new skills
- arranging part-time work placements with the businesses that give us food and signposting people to services that can help them

Our Vision is: A HUNGER AND WASTE FREE BRITAIN where people are not held back because they can not afford to eat

Why you?

Volunteering with us will afford you the opportunity to:

- Drop the rhetoric and be part of the movement!
- Give back to your community
- Fulfil your Corporate Social Responsibilities
- Increase employee engagement— research shows that volunteering helps staff develop leadership, decision-making and negotiation skills. It can also help staff to boost morale and improve retention (*Volunteering – The Business Case, City of London 2010*)
- Help develop team-building and problem solving skills through our Corporate Volunteering Day

Most importantly, the real benefit is knowing you are helping to nourish people through food.

There are plenty of ways you can make a difference by volunteering with Compliments of the

- ⇒ Make us your charity of the year
- ⇒ Volunteer at one of our hubs
- ⇒ Fundraise for us
- ⇒ Become a patron

**Check out
our Patron
Scheme**

**Or get stuck in with our
House Takeover Challenge**



House Takeover Challenge

We know our corporate partners love a challenge, so what better way to channel your enthusiasm and energy than our House Takeover Challenge which provides your team with the opportunity to run our House in Brixton for the day?

The House Takeover Challenge is a truly unique way for staff to volunteer their time and build strong teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills whilst experiencing a true frontline service. This is a great opportunity to throw job titles and positions aside and to immerse yourself in the community.

The challenge doesn't just happen over one day, you can start the team fundraising in advance at your place of work with stock collections, fundraising and planning for the big day! It's an opportunity to involve your family, friends, colleagues and even your suppliers.

How it Works

You will split into 2 teams, competing against each other in a variety of tasks, depending which volunteer day you choose. This is your chance to show off your teamworking skills, and to gain the top spot for your company on our corporate volunteer leader board.

1. Provisions challenge

This is a chance to arrange donations from family, friends and colleagues. You'll gain points for each useful item you bring, with extra points for particularly useful items —think about what would be practical and especially useful for someone living on the streets. We're looking for toiletries and any other items that a homeless person may need.

2. Fundraising challenge

This is your chance to get the collection tins out and collect for Compliments of The House outside our shop in Brixton, and in the surrounding area.

3. Treasure Hunt

Get on your feet, use your problem solving skills, and work as a team —follow a series of clues which take you to some of the businesses we work with, learning more about Compliments of The House and the battle to tackle food waste and hunger in London as you go. The faster you go, the more points you get!

4. House Takeover

Come together as a group to help set up the shop for the evening— this will involve collecting and sorting the food for our guests, setting up tables and prepping the shop whilst getting to know the other members of our team. Once we open shop, you'll welcome the guests, help serve the food and drinks, and socialise with our guests.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gain a true insight into what Compliments of The House do, and to spend time with people who may have had very different life experiences to you..



House Takeover Challenge

Volunteering isn't just about one day

Give yourself a head start before even arriving—all funds raised by the time you arrive at the office will be converted into points.

We can help you with fundraising ideas, but here are some to start you off...

- Set up a JustGiving page for your team and encourage donations.
- Hold an event to help aid your fundraising – a bake sale is always a winner, everyone loves cake!
- Hold a raffle in the office
- Host an office quiz
- Packed Lunch Day! Everyone makes a packed lunch and you donate the money you would have spent buying lunch out

And don't be afraid to use your imagination when sourcing the provisions for your first task.

The Nitty Gritty...

Preparing for this day takes time and effort on our part, and we want to ensure that your team have the best experience possible.

Therefore, we ask for a suggested donation of £50 per person, which includes light refreshments throughout the day, as well as personalised support in advance and on the day. We have two options for the day, depending on whether you would like a daytime session, or to help out at our shop in the evening.

We are also happy to create tailored corporate volunteering days - just get in touch to discuss what you're looking for.

Daytime Volunteering

- 10:00 - Welcome and Office Tour
- 10:30 - Provisions Challenge
- 11:30 - Fundraising Challenge
- 13:00 - Lunch *provided by one of our partner businesses*
- 14:00 - Treasure Hunt
- 15:00 - Wrap-up and day ends

Shop Volunteering

- 14:00 - Welcome & Provisions Challenge
- 15:00 - Treasure Hunt
- 16:00 - Briefing and allocation of roles
- 19:00 - House takeover, shop opens
- 21:00 - Shop closes and day ends

However you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you!