COWBOY KITCHEN

A BRIEF HISTORY

The idea for Cowboy Kitchen began two years ago with a student who concluded the food being wasted on campus could instead be given to people in need. Brentley Lindsey first heard the idea from another student at a different university during a student government conference and determined it could be implemented on Oklahoma State’s campus. He then formed a new student-run organization called Cowboy Kitchen under the Student Government Association to donate leftover food from University Dining to a local shelter called Mission of Hope. Since then, Cowboy Kitchen has expanded to take donations from local restaurants and has delivered to another shelter called Wings of Hope.

HOW IT WORKS

- University Dining or a local restaurant calls to make a donation. A day and time is set for pickup.
- Deliveries to the shelter are made by volunteers in a personal vehicle.
- Signatures from both parties, temperatures of food, and the amount of food donated are recorded for both pickup and delivery.
- The information for the delivery is stored and organized by date.

REPLICATING ON ANOTHER CAMPUS

Cowboy Kitchen has been a fairly easy organization to run, and can easily be replicated by a single student with an idea. With that, here is a list of what has been extremely helpful in the development of Cowboy Kitchen:

- At least one motivated student leader
- Contacts in other student organizations (Student Government, Sustainability etc…)
- Meeting with the Head of University Dining
- Contacts in local shelters who are in need of food

POSSIBLE PROBLEMS

- Transferring the program to a smaller campus
- Funding
- Publicity
- Student motivation

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