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## Rapid Relief Team Supports Barrington Township Community with Meal Service

*Local Volunteers Serve 136 Meals*

**[Barrington Township, IL – August 2, 2024]** – The Rapid Relief Team (RRT), the volunteer arm of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, recently supported a special community meal event in partnership with [The Community Meal](#), a nonprofit that provides free meals several times a month in Barrington and surrounding suburbs, and the [Barrington Township Food Pantry](#).

The event saw eight RRT volunteers from across Chicagoland serving 136 nutritious hamburger meals to low-income retirees in the area. This initiative, a first-time event with the Barrington Township Food Pantry, underscores RRT's mission to provide compassionate and practical support to local communities.

The Community Meal draws from and serves communities across the region, including Barrington Hills, South Barrington, Inverness, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Deer Park, Kildeer, Cuba Township, North Barrington, Fox River Grove, Carpentersville, Algonquin, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg.

"This was our first experience with RRT, and they were excellent," said Sandy Hasse, of The Community Meal. "Excellent food safety, excellent people, and great to work with. We're glad to have been a part of their program."

The community meal, held on a warm summer day, highlighted RRT's ongoing efforts to address food insecurity and support local initiatives aimed at improving the lives of community members — a mission whose impact multiplies when collaborated on.

"We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to support these two incredible community organizations at once," said Ben Diener, RRT Team Leader. "Our volunteers are always eager to lend a helping hand and make a positive impact in the communities we serve, and doing it with likeminded neighbors makes it all the more rewarding."

In 2023, RRT supported 1,387 events, served over 1,035,384 meals, and contributed 61,533 volunteer hours globally. For more information about the Rapid Relief Team and their initiatives, please visit [www.rapidreliefteam.org](http://www.rapidreliefteam.org).

**About Rapid Relief Team (RRT):** RRT is a global network of over 14,500 volunteers who assist emergency services during disasters and crises by providing meals and other forms of support. Established in 2013 by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, RRT is dedicated to showing kindness through its actions, embodying the spirit of community and support in times of need.



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