

But, I want to give back.” “You help me so much; is there something I can do to help you?” Two comments that JFS hears often from Let’s Do Lunch participants. For years, our responses to these comments have been a dismissive one: “Don’t worry about it...it’s our pleasure to be here.” And, that’s true. But, we failed to realize the powerful benefit that giving back provides to our clients.

After consideration, we decided it was time to create a system by which Let’s Do Lunch participants could give back. We began accepting donations of items from Let’s Do Lunch clients earmarked for homeless persons. Since then, many Let’s Do Lunch clients have donated food, toiletries, clothing, and small games/puzzles for kids. In essence, Let’s Do Lunch participants who donate items become JFS volunteers, freely contributing to the improvement of the community.

JFS Desert would like to thank its many Let’s Do Lunch participants who have donated items. Your giving is inspirational and, let’s hope, contagious.