



TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

Plan Ahead

- Get other people, particularly senior management, administrators, organization officers, teachers, friends and/or neighbors committed to the drive.
- Choose a theme or name for your drive (for example: "Tons of Tuna," "Oodles of Noodles," "Halloween Trick or Trunk").
- Set a goal for how many pounds of food, how many cans or the dollar amount you will collect.

Promote the Drive

- Schedule a fun kick-off event.
- Educate your group about the issue of hunger.
- Decorate a container to hold donated food.
- Place posters and flyers in highly visible places.
- Distribute memos or send letters to parents, neighbors, area businesses, etc. Include flyers with employee paychecks.
- Set up a collection schedule to collect certain types of food on specific days or during designated weeks.
- Provide each person with a bag to fill with food. Issue reminders throughout the drive.

Make It Fun

- Encourage friendly competition between departments, offices, classes, etc.
- Challenge a rival company or school. Conduct a raffle for prizes.
- Offer incentives such as stickers, pins and office dress-down days.
- Reward groups and individuals who collect the most food.

Thank the Participants

- Certificates of appreciation, thank you cards or letters.
- Throw a party to celebrate your successful food drive.

All donations welcome – below are the most needed items right now (only non-perishable items)

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| • Au Gratin Potatoes | • Egg Noodles | • Ranch Dressing |
| • Beans (canned) | • Fruit Cocktail | • Razors |
| • BBQ Sauce | • Green Beans | • Shampoo |
| • Body Wash | • Grape Jelly | • Shaving cream |
| • Brownie Mix | • Ketchup | • Sloppy Joe Mix |
| • Cake Mix | • Kidney Beans | • Toilet paper |
| • Chicken (canned) | • Laundry Detergent | • Toothbrushes and toothpaste |
| • Cooking Oil | • Mayo/Miracle Whip | • Women's Deodorant |
| • Canned Chicken | • Men's Deodorant | |
| • Carrots | • Mixed Veggies | |
| • Cereal | • Oatmeal / Oatmeal Packets | |
| • Conditioner | • Peaches | |
| • Cookie Mix | • Pineapple | |
| • Diapers | • Pinto Beans | |