



How to Run a Food Drive

Basic Steps:

1. **Decide** on the dates and number of food collection barrels needed for your food drive.
2. **Sign up** with Grandmas House of Hope for barrel delivery and pick up by filling out an Participant Form.
3. **Elect** a food drive coordinator within your organization to be responsible for the communication with the Food Bank. The food drive coordinator can also organize and promote the food drive.
4. **Choose** high-traffic areas for barrel placement.
5. **Select a theme** for your food drive. Decide whether you would like to decorate the food drive barrels or if you want to use the barrels that are already wrapped by the Food Bank.
6. **Inform** participants about the food drive through letters, announcements, flyers, memos and newsletters.

Make a Goal!

Set a goal for the amount of food collected: Reward yourselves if that goal is met; this will create an incentive for donators.

1. A Pizza Party
2. Pajama Day
3. Ice Cream Stand
4. Raffle
5. Movie Night

Make the Food Drive Fun with Themes

Single Item: Stick to single item donations. Canned meals: Mac n Cheese, Ravioli, Spaghetti O's.

Birthday Party: Cake Mix, Brownie Mix, Cookie Mix, Frosting, Birthday Candles, Decorations.

Kids' Favorite Snacks: Juices, Peanut Butter, Dried Fruit, Granola Bars.

Breakfast Items: Healthy Cereal, Oatmeal, Instant Breakfast, Cereal Bars, Canned Fruit, Powdered Milk.

Dinner's Ready: Canned Soup, Canned Vegetables, Beans, Rice, Canned Tuna, Salsa, Pasta, Canned Chili, Spaghetti Sauce



Inform participants on the location and date of the Food Drive by using promotional tools listed below. Incorporate flashy titles/themes, bright colors, fun fonts, and specify incentives and rewards to get people's attention.

- Make a Poster
- Announcements
- Newsletters
- T-Shirts
- Flyers
- Spread the Word



Hot on the Market: Most Needed Food Items



Non-perishable Canned Food or Dry Food:

- Canned Meats and Fish
- Canned Soup and Chili
- Dried Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Meal in a Can/Bowl: Mac n Cheese, Cup of Noodle
- Canned or Dried Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Fruit Juice (Canned, Plastic, or Boxed)
- Pasta and Rice

****Note:** Food items that are not permitted include: rusty or unlabeled cans, perishable items, homemade items, noncommercial canned or packaged items, alcoholic beverages, mixes or soda, open or used items.

Some Ideas to Make Your Food Drive Fun

- Movie night; charge in cans of food for entrance and popcorn
- Host a game night with bunko, poker...charge an entrance fee of a can of food
- A raffle ticket for each item donated and hold a raffle
- A car wash; charge ___ number of items to get car washed
- “Bingo Night” food drive: play bingo using food groups in place of numbers
- Week drive with daily themes, i.e., Macaroni Monday, Tuna Tuesday, etc.

A Little Competition is Always Fun

- Build competitive peanut butter castles in your youth or a child’s group
- See who can build the largest pyramid with donated cans of food
- See who can build the longest train with boxes of food
- Have a neighborhood food drive. Set goal and time (example: 4 hours) and see who can collect the most donated food
- “Knock Down Hunger;” Build a chain of dominos with donated boxes of food and knock them down

Who Can Hold a Food Drive

- Churches
- PTA’s
- Companies
- Youth groups
- A group of friends
- Community Action Groups (i.e., Elks, Rotary Club)
- Sports teams
- Schools
- Neighborhood Associations

A sample flyer is attached below—change to fit your needs!



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Food Drive for Grandma's House of Hope



Help bless women in crisis and hungry children in Orange County by donating non-perishable canned and boxed foods and goods!

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- Dried Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Meal in a Can/Bowl: Mac n Cheese, Cup of Noodles
- Canned or Dried Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Dry Cereal
- Fruit Juice (Canned, Plastic, or Boxed)
- Pasta and Rice

For more information, or to organize your own food drive, contact our office at **(714) 558-8600** or email ghoffice@gmail.com or visit us online at www.GrandmasHouseofHope.org.