FOOD DRIVE TOOLKIT
Food drives play a crucial role in supporting our mission. They provide a quick and efficient way to collect a large number of non-perishable food items and help us maintain a diverse inventory to meet the nutritional needs of our neighbors. In FY2023, we collected nearly 200,000 pounds of food through food drives - providing enough food for an additional 166,000 meals to those in need.

Food drives also provide an opportunity for individuals, schools, businesses, and community groups to come together and contribute to a common cause, fostering a sense of solidarity and shared responsibility while raising awareness of food insecurity.

We developed this toolkit as a starting point to support you and your food drive. You will find logos, flyers, frequently asked questions, and instructions on how to run a successful food drive. If you have any questions or need assistance, please email our team at fooddrives@godspantry.org.

Sincerely,
D’wan Carey
ABOUT FOOD DRIVES

How to collect your items:
We have large cardboard totes or large blue barrels available for your use.
- Cardboard totes hold 50-75 lbs. perfect for smaller food drives.
- Blue barrels hold 150-250 lbs. great for large or longer term food drives.
- Use your own totes, bags, containers, please reinforce the bottom of boxes, and be mindful to not overload containers, food can be heavy!
- You may run your drive for as long as you’d like.
- Please stop by our warehouse to pick these up, 1685 Jaggie Fox Way, anytime during business hours, Monday-Friday from 8-4:30pm.

How to donate your items:
We are asking that your collected items be dropped off at our warehouse. Dropping the food off to us is a great way to maximize the impact of the donations. Every time we send a truck out to pick it up, it is about $80 each way!
- Please stop by our warehouse, 1685 Jaggie Fox Way, anytime during business hours, Monday-Friday from 8-4:30pm.
- Go past the gate and pull into the first set of docks.
- Go into the Welcome Center (door under the black staircase).
- Fill out the donation receipt on the table and make sure to fill out the receipt so we can attribute the donation to your organization!
- Head back out to your car.
- The warehouse team will unload and weigh the donation, providing you with a receipt!
- If you think it’s too much to haul on your own, please let us know 1-2 weeks in advance!
ABOUT FOOD DRIVES, CONTINUED

What items to collect:
- Canned proteins: tuna, chicken, beef, spam, nut butters, beans
- Breakfast foods: cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, protein bars
- Soups: any soups or ready-to-eat items, ramen
- Pantry Staples: crackers, condiments, seasonings, sauces
- Starches: Pasta, rice, mac and cheese, canned pasta, mashed potatoes, side-dish pasta meals
- Canned fruit: peaches, mixed fruit, pineapples, apples, fruit cups, applesauce, pears
- Canned vegetables: canned tomato (sauce, paste, diced etc.) potatoes, carrots, green beans, corn, peas, mixed vegetables

Any unopened shelf stable food with ingredients listed works! Please try not to donate glass.

Items in **bold** are in urgent needs.

New! Virtual Food Drive Option:
Either collect donations under your organization name by creating a virtual food drive or participate in our Virtual Food Drive! You may run both a traditional food drive, as well as a virtual food drive at the same time. For every $1, we can create 6 meals due to our bulk buying power!

Virtual Donations:
SOCIAL MEDIA

@God’s Pantry Food Bank
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ABOUT GOD'S PANTRY

In Kentucky, 1 in 8 people are unsure about where they’ll get their next meal. In Central and Eastern Kentucky, it is 1 in 6. God’s Pantry Food Bank (God’s Pantry) serves 50 counties in Central and Eastern Kentucky in partnership with more than 500 food pantries and meal programs.

**Our vision:**
A nourished life for every Kentuckian

**Our mission:**
Reducing hunger by working together to feed Kentucky communities

**Our tagline:**
Making hunger visible