

GIVE FOOD and help Harvesters feed families and Seniors



WHY YOUR FOOD DRIVE MATTERS:

Food drives are Harvesters' best source of high-quality nonperishable foods and household or personal care items. All products collected during food drives are distributed in our region through Harvesters' network of more than 760 nonprofit agencies. Every \$1 helps Harvesters provide three meals. Food and fund drives also raise awareness about the issue of hunger in the community. It takes all of us working together to solve hunger!

How to host a food and fund drive or virtual food drive for Harvesters

- Contact Harvesters and let us know you're planning a food/fund drive. Be ready to tell us:
 - The dates and location of your food drive.
 - Your contact name, phone number and email.
 - Whether you want to make your drive mobile with a virtual food drive.
- Harvesters will help make your drive a success. Harvesters will provide customizable food drive posters and food drive boxes or barrels. Assuming one can of food weighs about one pound, each box holds 150-200 pounds or items. Each barrel holds 250-300 pounds or items. Depending on the size of your drive and the items needed, Harvesters may deliver supplies to your location.
- Donated food may be dropped off at Harvesters facilities in Topeka or Kansas City. Visit www.harvesters.org for operating hours. If your drive is large, Harvesters may arrange to pick up your donations.
- To learn more and set up a Virtual Food Drive, call us or visit www.harvesters.org/virtualfooddrive.

HARVESTERS' MOST NEEDED ITEMS*:

Nonperishable Food

- Canned vegetables (low sodium)
- Canned fruit in 100% juice
- Canned chicken, tuna, salmon (packed in water)
- Peanut, almond or sun butter
- Canned soup (chicken, tomato or vegetable)
- Cereal – hot and cold (whole grain, low sugar preferred)
- Dried fruit (no added sugar preferred)
- Brown rice
- Whole grain pasta

Household/Personal Care Products

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Toilet Paper

**Please discourage donations of perishable foods, glass containers or homemade or home-canned items.*



WWW.HARVESTERS.ORG
 Kansas City: getinvolved@harvesters.org, 816.929.3090
 Topeka: fighthunger@harvesters.org, 785.861.7750

Hold a Food Drive for Harvesters

Events and content ideas to make your drive a success!



MAKE YOUR FOOD DRIVE AN EVENT

Carnival Days

Host a carnival day with family activities, sport relays and a cookout. Admission is a food or fund donation for Harvesters.

Jeans or Casual Day at work or school

Employees contribute a cash or virtual food drive donation for the privilege of wearing jeans or casual attire.

Lunch Money Monday

Employees bring a sack lunch to work on Lunch Money Monday and contribute the amount they would have spent on eating lunch out to Harvesters.

Chili Cook-Off

Employees prepare their favorite chili recipe and a panel of judges chooses the best. Everyone donates food to sample the offerings.

Pancake Breakfast

Treat employees to a pancake breakfast. Nonperishable food donations are the price of admission.

Food Court Friday

Employees volunteer to prepare their specialty dishes to share with co-workers for lunch. Participants are charged a specific food or fund donation for the lunch or for each dish sampled.

Bake Sales

Sell cookies, brownies and other treats around office snack time with proceeds benefiting Harvesters.

MAKE YOUR FOOD DRIVE A CONTEST

Pass the Pie

Employees make donations for the privilege of pitching a pie at an office manager or director. "Pie" candidates campaign for "votes" in the form of donations or make the event an auction. Highest bidder throws the pie and all proceeds benefit Harvesters.

Favorite Foods

Give your food drive a theme around Harvesters' most needed items. Employees can "vote" for their favorite foods by donating peanut butter versus jelly; tomato soup versus chicken noodle; green beans versus corn.

Be true to your school

Harvesters will help set up a competitive virtual food drive featuring your team and your opponent. Challenge the other team's fans to see who can raise the most money to feed the hungry.

CELEBRATE A SPECIAL EVENT

When celebrating a birthday, anniversary or any special event, hold a fun, mobile virtual food drive for Harvesters in lieu of gifts. The virtual food drive can easily be shared electronically with friends and family anywhere.

OFFER A REWARD

Boost donations by entering donors in a raffle or rewarding the largest donations. Prizes might include gift certificates, a prime parking spot, or movie or theater tickets.