



Food & Fund DRIVES

A community free from hunger



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How you can help the Food Bank of Delaware

1. Organize a food and fund drive

The Food Bank of Delaware relies heavily on local support to provide enough food to serve close to 90,000 Delawareans each year. A company- or school-sponsored food and fund drive is a great way to help feed those in need.

Do you have a few boxes or bags or hundreds of pounds of safe food? Food and fund drives are easy! The Food Bank of Delaware will pickup and deliver food donation barrels – when your barrels are almost filled, just call the Food Bank at (302) 292-1305 ext 211., and we'll pick them up, deliver empty ones and provide you with a report of how much we collected.

As a food drive coordinator, you may plan, promote and manage your campaign any way you like!

2. Donate Funds

In addition to food and grocery products, every dollar raised through your drive enables the Food Bank of Delaware to distribute food to those in need.

For every five dollars raised we can provide 22 meals! Twenty-five dollars serves lunch to nine low-income children in a summer camp, \$40 provides 176 meals served through shelters, senior centers and other sites where people in need can get a hot meal, \$60 supplies three families with a nutritionally balanced emergency meal box to help fill their pantry and \$100 provides a week of breakfast to one summer program for at-risk youth.

Donations can be made online at www.fbd.org.

3. Host a virtual food drive

You can now hold your own food drive online! To meet the increasing demand for food assistance, the Food Bank supplements donated food with purchased food. With the click of a mouse, the virtual food drive allows you to get food to those who need it most.

The virtual food drive is simple and easy to implement and only requires the use of the internet and email.

- The Food Bank of Delaware will assist you with setting up the drive. The drive is promoted to your employees through email.
- Access to the site is easy. Links can be posted in emails and on your company's intranet site. Campaign progress can be monitored with online reporting functions and summaries are provided for easy corporate matching programs.
- Virtual food drives are customizable. An introductory page includes your logo and other messages.

For more information, please contact Anne Killeen, Development Director, at (302) 292-1305 ext 236 or akilleen@fbd.org.

Tips for a successful food drive

1.

Plan ahead

- Set the date for your food drive
- Determine what types of food you will collect
- Identify what supplies you will need
- Collect boxes, signage

2.

Register with the Food Bank of Delaware

- Contact Charlotte McGarry at (302) 292-1305 ext 211 or cmcgarry@fbd.org.

3.

Set your goal

- How much do you want to collect? Boxes or pounds?
- Do you want to have a challenge with another department/group?

4.

Get everyone involved

- Company management or governing boards can help motivate folks by setting a standard for participation.
- Consider a match program where a company or individual matches what is collected with a cash donation. One hundred pounds of food equals \$159 in wholesale value.

5.

Promote your food drive

- Make signs and send emails to get the word out. Be sure to tell donors the types of food products that will be collected and when and where donations can be dropped off.

6.

Arrange transportation of your donation

- If your organization collects more than 30 boxes/bags of food, the Food Bank of Delaware will arrange to pick up the donation.
- If you collect fewer than 30 boxes/bags, we ask that you bring them to either our warehouse in Newark (14 Garfield Way) or Milford (1040 Mattlind Way).

Fun Food & Fund Drive Ideas

CANstruction: build simple or elaborate sculptures using canned goods

Cans for Coins, Coins for Children: collect pocket change and donate money directly to the Food Bank of Delaware

Coin & Can Day: drop off a can and a coin

Coin Wars: plan a penny war between classrooms. Each class collects change in a container. Students throw dollar bills into the container of another classroom in order to “cancel out” that class’ change. In other words, change in the container equals “positive” points, while bills equal “negative” points. The team with the most positive points at the end of the war wins.

Food Day: designate days of the week for specific food items, i.e. Macaroni Monday, Tuna Tuesday, Wheaties Wednesday, Turkey Thursday, Fruity Friday

Special Dress Day: students “pay” with food to dress a special way

Let’s SAC Hunger or TGIF (Take Groceries in Friday): provide brown bags for students to take home and fill with food or encourage them to bring a brown bag lunch and donate the money they would have spent on a school lunch.

Bag Hunger Auction: students collect auction items from home, “sell” admission tickets (cost of ticket = food item), hold the auction and then the proceeds benefit the Food Bank of Delaware’s hunger-relief efforts.

Challenges/Competitions: organize a contest between classrooms or grade levels with several categories:

- Largest individual donation
- Most protein
- Most unusual food item
- Most original design for a food barrel
- Raise our weight in food

Meat the Need: canned meat drive

Make Every Bean Count: canned or dried-beans drive

Read to Feed: for every book a student reads, a can of food is donated

Food Drive Event: have an event, party or school production as part of the drive and charge “food admission” – the admission price equals a certain number of food items

Fill ‘er Up, Stuff-a-Bus, Fill-a-Truck, Fill-a-Shopping-Cart: fill the principal’s office, gymnasium, truck, bus or other designated area with food. Outline a map of your state on your gymnasium floor, athletic field or school grounds and fill the area in with food.

Delaware Feeds a Family: create a list of suggested donations that will provide nutritious meals for a family.

Hunger Walk, Run, Bike or Dance-a-thon: have sponsors pledge food instead of money

Specialty boxes or bags:

Baby Boxes: contains formula, diapers, fruit juice, baby cereal

BREAD (Bridges Reaching Elderly and Disabled) Boxes: contains peanut butter, juice, pasta, cereal, canned foods like tuna, vegetables, sauces and fruits, dry baking mixes, fruit cup packs and pudding packs

Special Diets: contains low-sodium or low-sugar foods

Women: contains food items rich in iron or calcium

Kid Packs: contains macaroni and cheese, alphabet soup, chicken noodle soup, instant oatmeal, peanut butter, pudding packs, applesauce, cereal grain bars, juice boxes, graham crackers, fruit cup packs

New Beginnings Bags: filled with “new home supplies” such as oils, spices, baking products, pasta, sauces and cleaning supplies.

Hot Dish Drive: ingredients to make hot dishes

- Spaghetti and sauce
- Refried beans, Mexican seasonings, salsa and taco shells
- Rice and beans
- Rice and boxed seasonings
- Tuna, noodles, cream of mushroom soup and breadcrumbs
- Canned meals – chili, stews, baked beans

Winter’s Coming Drive: “winter” items such as chili, stew and hot chocolate (don’t forget the marshmallows)

Bathroom Cabinet Bags: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant and other toiletries

Break the Fast: Canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, granola bars, coffee, tea and powdered milk

Food Bank of Delaware Shopping List

The Food Bank of Delaware needs the following items: (we cannot use baby foods in plastic or glass jars)

- Tuna
- Chicken
- Ham and other canned meats
- Peanut butter
- Pork and beans
- Canned soups and stew
- Kidney, pinto, lima and green beans
- Mixed vegetables, corn, carrots, peas and other vegetables
- Rice and rice mixes;
- Pasta, pasta sauce and pasta mixes;
- Applesauce, pineapple, peaches, apricots, pears, mixed fruit and other fruits;
- Baking mixes for pancakes, waffles, muffins and cakes

Holiday Items:

- Canned sweet potatoes
- Canned gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Stuffing mix
- Frozen turkeys (requires special pickup arrangements)

Supplemental items:

- Powdered or liquid baby formula
- Plastic utensils
- Fruit juice
- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot cocoa mix
- Instant breakfasts
- Soft drinks
- Powdered milk
- Evaporated milk and powdered creamer
- Cooking oil
- Condiments including jams, jellies, spreads, ketchup, mustard, relish, barbecue sauce, pickles and syrup

Nonfoods:

- Diapers
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Dental floss
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bar soap
- Liquid hand soap
- Paper products such as towels, plates, napkins, tissues and toilet paper