FOOD DRIVE PLANNING KIT

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ABOUT FOOD FOR OTHERS

Mission

Food for Others mission is to distribute food to our neighbors in need by mobilizing our giving community and volunteers.

We feed over 2,600 families in need every week. In Northern Virginia, more than 100,000 people live in poverty. FFO provides food for children, senior citizens, people who are sick or disabled, and the working poor who struggle to obtain enough nutritious food to live a healthy life.

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HUNGER IN NORTHERN VA

WHAT IS FOOD INSECURITY?

Food insecurity means that individuals or families are so limited in their resources that they are unable to purchase enough nutritious food. In Northern Virginia, more than 100,000 people are food insecure. Families facing food insecurity may start eating less food, cutting out meat or vegetables, feeding their children cheap processed meals, or skipping meals so that their children can eat.

HOW DOES FOOD FOR OTHERS HELP?

Food for Others distributes food directly to families from our Merrifield warehouse, our mobile food pantries, and at 16 neighborhood sites in high-poverty areas. We also provide 23 community partner organizations with large quantities of food for their clients. Through our Power Pack Program (P3) we provide two-days’ worth of meals for hungry students at Fairfax County elementary schools.

FOOD FOR OTHERS IMPACT IN FY2022:

49,893 INDIVIDUALS SERVED, MANY MORE THAN ONCE

3.7 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED

3,181 CHILDREN FED WEEKLY VIA P3

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RUNNING THE DRIVE

Set up Collection Points

Place your collection boxes in high traffic areas like the lobby or lunchroom. Make sure you have an adequate supply of boxes and that they are not too large to carry once filled with donations.

Get your team involved

Encourage your colleagues to participate in the food drive. Print and share our most needed items flyer (pg 4).

Drop off at Food for Others

Drop off donations at loading dock 2 of our Merrifield warehouse, 2938 Prosperity Ave, Monday through Friday, between 9:30AM – 5:00PM.

Additional Ways to Donate:

Donate Money
You can make a donation to Food for Others online at https://www.foodforothers.org/give-money or by mailing a check. $25 provides a family with 3-5 days worth of food.

Virtual Drive: You Give Goods:
Host a virtual drive through You Give Goods and ship our most needed items directly to FFO. https://bit.ly/3eA8qdZ

Amazon Wish List
Donate food directly from FFO’s Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/28CATJNWVS2OT
Help Food for Others feed 2,600 families each week! Every donation helps in the fight against hunger – no matter how small or large.

**Most Needed Items:**

- Fresh fruit
- Fresh vegetables
- 100% fruit juice
- Canned meat (chicken, beef, tuna)
- Canned tomato products
- Spaghetti sauce (avoid glass containers)
- Chef Boyardee
- Rice
- Mac & Cheese
- Chili or beef stew
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

**Guidelines:**

We are unable to accept donations of items that are more than 3 years expired, opened items, food that is not labeled, homemade items, or cooked food.

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