



WAYS TO MAKE YOUR FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

1. Have a friendly competition between departments, classes, or other teams. See which department donates the most items, or mix it up and have each department participate in a different competition! Some competition examples:

- **Can Sculptures:** have team members bring in items to create design structures out of canned goods. Next, put it to a vote by selecting a group of judges or asking employees to vote on their favorite structure by donating a nonperishable item towards that structure.
- **Pie the Principal:** ask a department head, teacher, principal, or other team member to pledge to do something embarrassing (such as get "pied," sing a karaoke song in front staff, or wear a silly outfit for a day, etc) if their department collects the most amount of items. Your team could also do the reverse: if they collect the *least* amount of items, they have to get pied, sing karaoke, etc.
- **Bake-Off:** have team members prepare their favorite chili or dessert recipe and a panel of judges chooses the best. Everyone donates food to sample the offerings.

2. Jeans or casual day

Depending on office attire, employees bring in x number of donation items for the privilege of wearing jeans or casual attire.

3. Focus on one section of our food bank each day of the week

Have your team collect items for one section of our food bank every day for a week: Meatless Monday (high protein items such as nut butters, etc.), Tuna Tuesday, Whole Grain Wednesday, Tomato Pasta Sauce Thursday, and Fruit Friday.

4. Heat or Eat

Take the amount of money it would cost you to heat (or cool) your home for the month of October and use it to purchase food to donate.

5. Offer rewards or incentives

Boost donations by entering donors in a raffle. Prizes might include gift certificates, a prime parking spot, PTO, movie tickets, etc.

6. Incorporate a volunteer activity

Incorporate a volunteer activity into the food drive! Request that your team members bring in these specific items below for the month of October or collect monetary donations and have 1-2 team members go purchase items in bulk. Towards the end of the month, set aside a lunch hour or a few hours to

assemble bags. This saves us a step and allows us to easily distribute your donations to individuals and families. Use either quart or sandwich bags for packaging Snack Bags or Feminine Hygiene Products.

SNACK BAGS

Choose some items below and try to fit 6-8 different items per bag:

- Granola bars
- Goldfish packets
- Small fruit cups (pop top or peel open)
- Popcorn packets
- Small trail mix packets
- Peanut butter or cheese cracker packets
- 100% fruit juice boxes or pouches

FEMININE HYGIENE BAGS

We usually try to fit 10-12 pads or tampons in a bag. Pads are most-needed.