



Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc.

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HOW TO RUN A FOOD DRIVE

Why Hold a Food Drive?

Will Rogers said, "It is up to every one of us who doesn't go to bed hungry at night to see that no one else does either." You can help to ease the pain of hunger by running a food drive in you neighborhood, organization, company or school.

Getting Organized

Select a date. Food is always needed whatever the time of year. People are hungry all year round not only during a holiday season. Call us at 860-739-8502 and let us know of your wish to run a food drive. We will answer any questions you might have about how to run a food drive. We will also be able to let you know of any particular items needed in the Pantry at that time.

Publicity

This can be done either by simply passing out flyers in your neighborhood, or placing the flyer on your cafeteria bulletin board at work or school. Local newspapers usually have a public service area where you may place a small article regarding your food drive. It is best to announce the drive at least two weeks in advance. At the end of the food drive it is always appreciated by those who participated to be made aware of how much food was collected and to thank them.

Types of Food to Collect

Canned and dry goods such as: peanut butter, jelly/jam, soup, stew, hash, vegetables, fruits, juice, instant potatoes, crackers, cereals, pasta (canned/boxed), tomato sauce, tuna, mayonnaise, and ketchup. We are also always in need of paper towels, toilet tissue, tissues, laundry detergent, dish detergent and bar soap.

How to Collect the Food

If collecting in your neighborhood you would inform your neighbors that you will be stopping by on a particular date. Your neighbor could leave any donated items in a box or strong paper bag for you at their front door for pick up.

If collecting in an organization, company or school: collection bin/box should be placed in a convenient and highly visible location. Use small boxes or reusable grocery bags to transport donated items to the Pantry when it is time for pick-up.

How to Handle the Food after it is collected

Call Care & Share 860-739-8502 and we will meet you at the food pantry at your convenience. If needed, we would be happy to make arrangements to pick up your collection.

Now sit back and feel good. You have made others aware that there is hunger right here in our community and you have provided them the opportunity to help. Together, let's see that no one goes hungry.