



### **Easy Steps for a successful food drive.**

A food drive is a way for a group to collect items for the families that are at risk of hunger in their area. The group typically collects non-perishables, such as canned goods, and boxed items from the community. This is a simple yet practical community service initiative.

**"To have a successful food drive, you must plan ahead and come up with unique ideas to draw in as many donations as possible."**

## **Instructions**

- 1. Set a goal for your food drive before you start collecting food.** "This will give you a realistic target to strive for.
- 2. Create a theme for the food drive.** If the drive is around Halloween, you could ask all of the participants to dress up in costumes as they collect food at the drop-off location or go door to door. This will help generate more interest in the event.
- 3. Categorize all of your food donations from the beginning.** Separate the canned vegetables from the pasta and the dry boxed food from the canned food. This will make it easier for processing at The Caring Center. Also this is a fun way to get the youth involved in your drive, allow them to separate it.
- 4. Advertise your food drive in your bulletin or newsletter.**

The Caring Center now offers the use of our 14 foot box truck for food drives. We have found this increases your food drives. We also have retractable banners that visibly address food insecurity available for your food drives.

- Just call 765-482-2020 and reserve your dates with the Caring Center. The key for the truck is available for pick on the Friday by 5 pm prior to your food drive.
- You drop off the truck at The Caring Center when your drive is over.
- We take the truck weigh it and unload it. Then we report back to you how many pounds were collected and the dollar value on your donation.

**Preferred food Items, this list is just suggestions we will gladly accept all your donations!**

**Protein**

Canned Meat, Beef Stew, Tuna, Canned Chili, Peanut Butter

**Fruits & Vegetables**

Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Tomato Juice, Canned Soup, Fruit Juices, Jelly

**Carbohydrates**

Pasta, Rice, Instant Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Oatmeal, Cake Mixes

**Dairy**

Canned Milk, Instant Pudding

**Baby Food** stage 2 and 3

