



Hosting a Food Drive at Your Workplace, School or Church

Thank you for your interest in hosting a Food Drive at your workplace, school or church. Lutheran Community Services (LCS) is the largest distributor of food from the Food Bank of Delaware. We serve tens of thousands of needy people every year from our pantries and other food distribution locations. You are invited to come and visit us at our headquarters where we operate our Choice Pantry. You can be certain that any food gathered for, and delivered to, LCS will go directly into the hands of a low income individual or family who is in need of food. As the gap between those who have food on their table, and those who don't, grows wider every year the need is apparent. One in five children in Delaware goes to bed hungry. We can, and we should, do better. With your help we can continue to "help one at a time". Here are the simple steps to follow that will feed someone in need:

- Call us at 302-654-8886 and ask for Lyn Budd, Volunteer Coordinator (ext. 107).
- Select a date when your drive would be complete and you would deliver the food from your food drive. Lyn will work with you to find a date that works for you and is also a date when we would have volunteer help available to carry bags and boxes from your vehicle(s) to the pantry.
- See the attached list of food items we always need.
- Select a secure area where the food will be gathered.
- Tell everyone of interest that you are doing a Food Drive for LCS and encourage them to "share" the news on social media.
- Place signs in prominent places to direct people to the food-gathering area and also to promote the event. Be sure to emphasize the EXACT date and time the Food Drive ends.
- Run the Food Drive for as long as you wish. Make it convenient for you.
- A day or two before your Food Drive ends, contact Lyn again to double check that everything is set and to give Lyn a rough idea of how much food there will be.
- Thank you and Good luck!
- Promote...Promote...Promote

Food for the Pantry



- Ravioli, spaghetti, meatballs in sauce
- Tuna/Chicken/salmon
- Beef stew
- Corned beef hash
- Ham and other canned meats
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables – spinach, yams, carrots etc.
- Soup/stew
- Beans
- Pasta
- Crackers
- Macaroni and cheese
- Cereal, grits, cereal bars, oatmeal
- Peanut butter
- Fruit juice
- Dry or evaporated milk
- Baking mixes for pancakes, waffles

And in the summer if you like to garden, we would be very interested in fresh vegetables to supplement the nonperishables that we give out to people in need.