



God's Pantry Food Bank



Hungry Times

July 2010

16th Annual Kids Helping Kids Food Drive

Our five Fayette County food pantries are now serving over 1,500 households every month. Our average monthly distribution is over 145,000 pounds. In the fiscal year that just ended, food drive donations were down more than 38,000 pounds over the previous year. The combination of less food donated and more households to serve is making it quite a challenge to keep our food pantries stocked. We need your help!

The "Kids Helping Kids" food drive began in 1995 in an effort keep our Fayette County food pantries stocked with food.

In this food drive, schools compete against each other to see which can donate the most pounds of food per student.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky is once again sponsoring 10 monetary awards which are presented in each level of school (elementary, middle and high) at the end of the food drive.

Please complete and return the registration form on page 4, or call Robert Srodulski, Food Drive Coordinator 288-5330



Competitors are needed

This years food drive runs September 7th to November 1st. Hold your schools food drive for a week, month or any time during those 2 months and help us stock our pantries. The registration form is on page 4, or you can register via our website www.godspantry.org under the give tab.

Fayette County Emergency Food Box Program

- Serves over 1,500 households every month
- Distributes over 145,000 pounds of food every month
- Five food pantry locations
- Program started in 1955

Last year

- 49 schools
- 35,081 students
- 89,552 pounds
- \$141,000 estimated retail value

15 Year History

- 875,561 pounds
- \$19,088

Every can is needed and appreciated



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Local Schools “Can” Hunger

In 2009 forty-nine Fayette County schools donated 89,552 pounds through the Kids Helping Kids food drive. That donation had an estimated retail value of over \$141,000.

2009 results:

First place:

Veterans Park Elementary - 20 pounds per student

Jessie M Clark Middle - 5.2 pounds per student

Eastside Technical Center - 12 pounds per student

Second place:

Meadowthorpe Elementary - 10.2 pounds per student

SCAPA Bluegrass - 4.5 pounds per student

Lafayette High School - 2.4 pounds per student

Third place:

Cassidy Elementary - 9.3 pounds per student

Southern Middle - 4 pounds per student

Most improved:

Breckinridge Elementary
Winburn Middle

The following schools have participated every year in the 15 year history of this food drive:

Glendover Elementary

Maxwell Elementary

Jessie M Clark Middle

Winburn Middle

Tates Creek High

THANK YOU!

Food Donations are Down but the Demand is Up

Fiscal year 2010 food drive donations were down over 38,000 pounds from the prior year. In the last 12 months we have seen a 35% increase in the demand for food assistance.

Our food boxes are a combination of donated food, purchased product, government commodities, retail store donations and fresh produce.

In fiscal year 2010 we distributed over 1.9 million pounds of food through five Fayette County food pantries.

Our pantries are located in donated space provided by Broadway Christian Church, Central Christian Church, Gardenside Baptist Church, Pilgrim Baptist Church and Saint Luke United Methodist Church.

Four are open Monday thru Friday during the afternoon, two in the evening and one on Saturday. **All are staffed and operated by volunteers.**



Sponsored by Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky

We are proud to announce that Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky is once again providing the financial sponsorship for this food drive. Their sponsorship provides the monetary awards to the top 10 finishers in this food drive.

Last years sponsorship of \$3,000 yielded over 89,000 pounds of food, a very good return on that investment.

TMMK donates fresh produce from the Toyota Garden, a “green” initiative at their plant in Georgetown. Their employees also hold food drives for us and volunteer their time at our warehouse.

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The Rules

Food drive must occur during September and/or October. Run your drive a week, two weeks, one month or two. Use this flexibility to determine when this drive would best fit into your schedule. Monetary awards are based on pounds of food donated per capita. We use the enrollment figure you report on the application form and divide that into the pounds collected from your food drive to arrive at this pound per person figure.

Monetary donations will be credited at a rate of:
\$1 = 2 pounds of food

Food Drive Ideas

- Competition by classroom/grade
- Jeans/ball cap days
- Food of the week (fruit one week, soup next)
- Reward the student, class or grade that donates the most
- Meat the need (donate canned meat)
- Donate your favorite food (boxes of macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, Pop-Tarts, Jell-O, SpaghettiO's, etc.)
- TGIF (Take Groceries in Friday)



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NEW THIS YEAR

PACK A POD

FILL A PANTRY

PODS Lexington is donating up to 15 POD containers for this year's food drive (**elementary schools only**).

They will transport the container to your school, pick up and drop off at God's Pantry when your drive ends.

More details are on the enclosed flyer to elementary schools only.



Food Collection Barrels

Our food collection barrels are made of sturdy plastic and hold an average of 1 Girl Scout or 250 pounds of food. They can be decorated to your food drive theme so long as it is not permanent. We enjoy seeing how creative you are when the barrels come back to our warehouse!

Logistics

There are 53 Fayette County public schools. Last year's drive filled over 400 barrels. The logistics of delivering, emptying and final removal of that many barrels is a challenge and we do the best we can. A full barrel of cans weighs over 250 pounds. Please help our drivers out by keeping the barrels in a central location, preferably at ground level or near an elevator as maneuvering

a full barrel up or down stairs is a safety hazard. We do our best to deliver and empty barrels as you need but with that many schools we might not be able to be there on the day you request. The majority of schools run their drives the last week of October which can push pickup into the first week of November. Please be patient with us!

**START THE FOOD DRIVE AND
 FILL THOSE BARRELS!**

Questions



Our Food Drive Coordinator is Robert Srodulski (859) 288-5330
www.robert@godspantry.org

2010 **KIDS HELPING KIDS FOOD DRIVE**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form to God’s Pantry Food Bank, 1685 Jaggie Fox Way, Lexington, KY 40511, or fax to 254-6330.

Food drive starts September 7th and ends November 1st, 2010.

We want to help! Our school will participate and collect food from _____ to _____ .

We will need _____ barrels (plastic, 55 gallon, holds 250 pounds) for collection.

Deliver the barrels on this date _____

Put them in the (location) _____

School _____

Address _____ Lexington, KY ZIP _____

Food drive coordinator _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

NUMBER OF STUDENTS _____

Prizes! Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky is sponsoring this food drive. Prizes are awarded based on the schools average of pounds donated per student. First place received \$500, second place \$300, third place \$125 and most improved elementary and middle schools receive \$175. Ten prizes will be awards.



Note: Barrels will be picked up on the last day of your food drive.



Food drive promo items

Stickers _____

Flyers (max 50 of each)

___Bag Hunger ___Pack the Pantry ___Change the World ___Hunger Heroes

For additional information please call Robert, Food Drive Coordinator at 288-5330

Email robert@godspantry.org