

2024

NEWS 2

FOOD



SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE



August 26 to October 31, 2024





ABOUT FOOD 2 FAMILIES

Food 2 Families is an annual food drive founded by WKRN News 2 to engage elementary, middle and high school students in Second Harvest's 46-county service area. Schools compete against each other to see who can collect the most non-perishable food items.

All food collected will benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee and its network of 460+ Partner Agencies. The food your school collects will stay in your county and is used to make food boxes and fill pantry shelves for families and individuals in need.

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Principals, teachers, PTA volunteers, school clubs, or student organizations can register their school food drive at www.secondharvestmidtn.org/food2families. Food drive collection boxes are available upon request and are available for pickup at the food bank or for delivery to your school*. When, how, and where you collect your canned food items is up to you. See the next page for some ideas! Your school has from August 26 through October 31 to collect donations. Have students bring canned food items to your football games, assign the campaign to one of your school's clubs, create incentives, and make it fun. Be sure to keep an ongoing total count of food items collected to turn in at the end of your drive!

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Food Collection: August 26 – October 31, 2024

Deadline for submitting can totals: October 31, 2024

Donation Pickup/Drop Off Deadline: November 5, 2024

Winners Announced: November 12, 2024

PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the top THREE schools that raise the most items per capita in each category (high school, middle school, and elementary).

TOP THREE HIGH SCHOOLS: \$1,000

TOP THREE MIDDLE SCHOOLS: \$500

TOP THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: \$500

All prizes are awarded to schools that raise the most items per capita (items raised on average per student). Example: School A has 500 students and raises 500 items, and School B has 100 students and raises 500 items. School B will take top prize for raising more items per student.

Every participating school will win the most important prize, which is knowing they made a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

Questions? Contact Jack Stell 615-627-1567 or food.drives@secondharvestmidtn.org



MOST NEEDED FOOD DRIVE ITEMS

PEANUT BUTTER ● CANNED CHICKEN/TUNA
CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES
CANNED SOUPS, STEWS, CHILI and PASTA
BEANS (canned or dried)
CEREAL (whole grain, low sugar)
PASTA ● PEANUT BUTTER ● RICE



FOOD DRIVE CHECKLIST

1. Register your food drive by going to secondharvestmidtn.org/news2food2families

Complete the Food Drive Registration Form in its entirety to ensure timely food bank follow-up, appropriate box delivery and donation pick-up. **YOU MUST FILL OUT THE ONLINE FORM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MENTIONED PRIZES.**

2. Get your food drive boxes*

Pick up food drive collection boxes at Second Harvest (331 Great Circle Road, Nashville, TN 37228) Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If 10 or fewer food drive boxes are needed, we ask that schools pick up the boxes and return them once full. This saves significant staff and transportation dollars, which can then be used to mobilize more food for those in need.

3. Collect food donations

4. Get your donations to Second Harvest

If you are dropping off full food drive boxes, please contact Jack Stell at 615-627-1567 or email food.drives@secondharvestmidtn.org

If your donations are being picked up by Second Harvest, all donation boxes must be located on the first floor of your building, near a main entrance. Drivers will not collect boxes from each classroom. To schedule a pick-up of your donated items please call Jack at 615-627-1567 or email food.drives@secondharvestmidtn.org. All donations stay in the county they are raised in.

5. Submit your food drive totals

Count all your collected items and contact Valerie Reta at 615-627-1602 or email food.drives@secondharvestmidtn.org

*Schools can collect donations in any container and deliver them to Second Harvest **before** November 5, 2024. All donations picked up by Second Harvest must be in Second Harvest Food collection boxes, no exceptions.

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