



Agape Ministries, Inc.

Food Pantry

HOW TO HOST A FOOD DRIVE

Agape Ministries, Inc. proudly serves St. Marys, New Knoxville, New Bremen and Minster residents through a variety of programs. Food Pantry clients receive fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, and eggs along with nutritious non-persihable items and toiletries. Our Food Pantry is open 2 days a week and clients are welcome to visit every 30 dyas. Items collected through your food drive help provide the food and toiletries that our clients need.

Food drives are easy to organize and are a great way to pull a company, congregation, school groups or any group together to help make a difference in our community.

TO GET STARTED:

- Contact Agape Ministries, Inc. at ***kris@agapeministriesinc.com*** so we can help!
- Choose a start and end date for your food drive.
- Choose a high traffic area to place your food collection tables/bins/boxes. Signs to place on your collection tables/bins/boxes are included in this kit.
- Provide specifics on what types of donations are accepted and/or choose a theme for your drive. A list of suggested themes is included in this kit. *(A list of Top 10 Needed Items is included in this kit.)*
- Advertise your event to benefit Agape Ministries, Inc. Food Pantry. Use email, flyers, announcements, and social media - whatever works for your group!
- Set a deadline for collections and remind people when it's approaching. This will help motivate people to submit their donations.
- Schedule your drop-off time to out office at 1220 E. Spring Street, St. Marys, OH 45885, with our Program Manager at ***kris@agapeministriesinc.com***. Get help from a colleague or friend to pack your car(s) with your donations and transport them to Agape Ministries, Inc. Food Pantry. Please note that as a nonprofit, we operate with a limited staff, so we are unable to pick up food collections.



FOOD DRIVE FACTS

What's the best time of year to host a food drive?

Anytime! Our clients need your help year round.

What kind of food do you accept?

Non-perishable, canned or boxed items (NO EXPIRED ITEMS PLEASE!)
A current top ten most needed items list is included in this kit.



Can I collect anything other than food items?

Yes! We accept toiletries such as full size shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors, laundry detergent, facial tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, baby wipes and baby food.

Are there restrictions on the types of items Agape Ministries, Inc. can accept?

Yes. Please no expired food. No alcoholic beverages, mixes, or partially used products. We also ask that you think about the nutritional value and try to donate items that are healthy.

What if I receive a financial donation during the drive?

Great! Try to collect the name and mailing address of those donors so we can send them an acknowledgement for their donation.

What about fresh food like leftovers from a luncheon or homemade food items?

Unfortunately, this type of food cannot be donated due to our strict food safety standards.

Can I just leave my donations outside your building at any time?

No. We cannot accept donations that have been left outside. Contact our Program Manager at kris@agapeministriesinc.com to schedule your drop-off.

Will I receive an acknowledgement of my contribution?

Yes! After your donations have been accepted at our building, we will send you an acknowledgement letter.



FOOD DRIVE THEMES

The most successful Food Drives are fun, engaging (occasionally a little competitive!) and leave donors feeling good about participating knowing they directly impacted families in need.

Have a theme days, such as:

- Macaroni (Pasta) Monday
- Toiletry Tuesday
- Whole Grain Wednesday
- Peanut Butter Thursday
- Fruity Friday



Encourage kids to donate items they like, such as:

- Granola or Cereal Bars
- Applesauce Cups
- Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter



Other fun theme ideas, include:

- **Breakfast of Champions:** Healthy cereal (6 grams of sugar or less), bread, canned fruit, granola or cereal bars, and oatmeal.
- **Hygiene Helpers:** Shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes, razors, facial tissues, and diapers.
- **Snack Time:** Animal crackers, pretzels, applesauce or other healthy non-perishable snack items.
- **Fill the Bag:** Give all participants a bag and ask them to fill the bag with non-perishable food items.
- **Souper Bowl:** Have a food drive around the Super Bowl and collect soups, stews and "meals in a can."
- **Be a Neighbor:** Feed a Neighbor: Gather your neighbors together and collect food to donate to our Food Pantry to help others in our community.

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TOP 10 NEEDED LIST

1. Peanut Butter
2. Jelly
3. Boxed Pasta
4. Canned Fruit
5. Canned Vegetables
6. Cereal
7. Oatmeal
8. Canned Meats
9. Canned Soup
10. Personal Hygiene Items (Full Size: Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Razors, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent)

DATE:

LOCATION:

CONTACT INFORMATION:



**Thank you for helping
us make a difference!**

**PLACE
DONATIONS
HERE**

No expired or used items, please!

Donations to benefit:



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