

The Work of the Coalition

Food Pantries for the Capital District is a coalition of 50 food pantries working together, in a spirit of cooperation, to do together what no one of us could do alone.

Our mission is to serve hungry people through member food pantries. We support our pantries by purchasing, collecting, and delivering food. We provide a forum for networking, coordination of efforts, education and training. We are a voice for those who are hungry.

We never charge our member pantries for the services that we provide.



The Food Warehouse ensures that basic food items are always available for those we serve. In addition to non-perishable staples, our warehouse stocks infant formula, diapers, & special food items for holiday meals.

The Food Express By sharing the use of our box trucks & the time of our drivers, member pantries are able to have as much food as their budgets allow delivered to their door. This allows pantries to order more food and, therefore, to provide more.

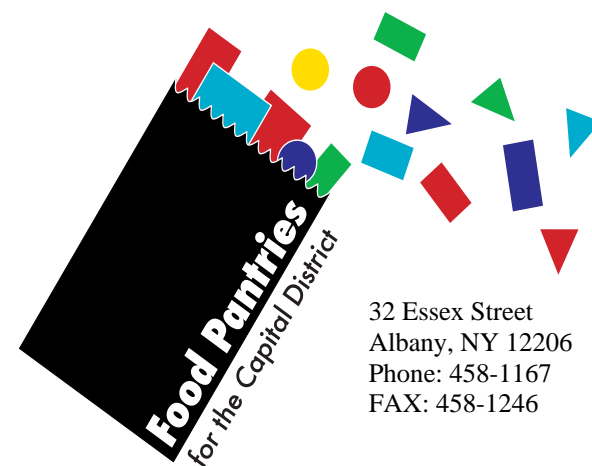
The Food Shuttle rescues donations of 'day old' bread, milk and produce and delivers them to pantries. Food picked up early in the morning is on pantry shelves within hours and on the tables of those we serve the same day.

Our **Monthly Membership** meetings provide the opportunity to gather, network, share information and learn about the work of other agencies serving those in need.

The Referral Guide provides updated information to help refer those we serve to organizations that can help them move forward in their lives. **Resource Guides** provide those we serve with the information they need to get immediate help. **The Street Listing Guide** helps to ensure that every address is served by a pantry.

Food and Fund Drives are conducted throughout the year by school, church, civic and office groups. We hope that this flyer will help your group plan a successful one. Please do not hesitate to call our office for ideas or help!

A copy of our latest Annual Report may be obtained, upon request, from FPCD or from the NYS Attorney General's Charities Bureau, Attn: FOIL Officer, 120 Broadway, NY, NY 10271



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Food & Fund Drives

Ideas & Guidelines

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30 years of service to our neighbors in need

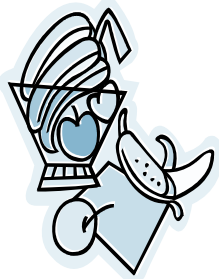
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foodpantries.net

Help us feed the hungry

PLANNING YOUR FOOD/FUND DRIVE



We are very much in need of food items that are low in fat, sugar and sodium.

per towels, shampoo, razors, shaving cream...

WHAT NOT TO COLLECT:

Containers that have been opened, food that has passed its expiration date, cans or boxes that are severely dented, home preserved foods, grocery store coupons, or anything that you could not offer to your own next door neighbor. If you plan to collect perishable food, please make prior arrangements with our office.

In 2008, our member pantries provided more than 2 million meals to our neighbors in need.

WHAT to COLLECT:

Money, cereal, boxed mixes, jelly, peanut butter, coffee, diapers, tea, canned fruits and vegetables, tuna, rice, pasta, condiments, soup, crackers, stew, spaghetti sauce, chili, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, pa-

IDEAS for SUCCESS.....

Choose a theme for your Drive. Is your drive centered around a season or a holiday? Are you collecting for a specific group of people? For example, a 'School's Out Drive' might collect food for young people home for the summer.



Set both a beginning and an end date for your drive. As the end date approaches, it is often a good idea to remind participants that the drive will be ending.

Advertise your drive. Make sure that everyone in your group knows the dates for the drive, what you are collecting and how the donations will be distributed. We will be happy to provide a speaker, information and/or written materials.



If you are collecting food, **place collection boxes where they will be visible and accessible.** Be sure that they are well labeled. For the safety of our staff and volunteers, please do not use boxes that weigh more than 50 pounds when filled.



The non-shoppers in your group may prefer to donate money. We ask that checks not be put in the boxes with food. Please attach a labeled envelope to the side of each box to ensure that checks are not lost in transit.

Please be sure your collection boxes are kept safe and secure when your offices are closed.

Plan for Delivery:



If you collect a large amount of food (more than would fit in one car) we will be happy to send a truck to pick it up.

Regardless of the size of the donation, we will send our truck to pick up from schools and youth organizations.

If your group is small, we will help you to make arrangements to drop off your donation either at our office or at the nearest food pantry.

Please call in advance to arrange for a pick-up. **If it is important that the food be picked up on a specific day or time, please be sure to schedule the pick-up before you begin the drive.**

For More Information, email dotty@foodpantries.net