



CONDUCT YOUR OWN FOOD DRIVE FOR HELPING HANDS

Organizing a food drive can be simple, easy and fun! You can run a successful food drive with minimum time commitment and your drive will make a difference in the lives of low-income children and families in Rockwall County.

Five steps to a successful food drive:

1. **Select the dates of your drive.** We suggest holding it for up to five days so you have one designated week for people to bring their items in. No matter what length of time you choose, plan on receiving items after your deadline and expect the actual deadline to be a few days after the deadline that you publicize. We ask that donations be delivered to the food pantry at 401 W. Rusk Street, Ste 200.

2. **Advertise!** Publicity is the key to a successful drive. Spread the word to as many people as possible and don't be shy about reminding them. Send out an email and make announcements because people like to be informed about ways they can help.

3. **Distribute printed publicity materials.** Print out a Helping Hands food list of the most needed items from our website and share it. Display them in public areas such as a front desk, break room, classroom or neighborhood community center.

4. **Set up a drop-off point and post it in an easily accessible area.** Attach another flyer to the box or bin that you are using to collect the food. Be sure to place the box or bin where people can see it.

5. **Collect, collect, collect!** The hard part is over and it's time for you to sit back and watch it come together to help families in need. After your food drive is complete, deliver your donations to the Helping Hands Food Pantry at 401 West Rusk St., Rockwall, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays, 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Recycle your plastic grocery store bags by donating them to the Helping Hands Food Pantry, so that we can personally thank you for your donation.

For more information, please contact:

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CURRENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned fruit
Canned pasta
Canned chili
Canned chicken
Cereal
Oatmeal
Jelly
Boxed instant potatoes
Breakfast bars
Crackers
Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helpers
Dried beans
Ensure or Boost
Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Roll-on deodorant
Shaving supplies
Toilet paper
Cleaning Supplies
Baby diapers – sizes 4,5,6
Baby wipes

**Learn more at Rockwallhelpinghands.com and follow us on social media for current needs and upcoming opportunities to get involved.*