



ASSURED LIFE
ASSOCIATION

2023 National Member Food Drive

Facts About Hunger per Feeding America:

- 1 in 8 Americans struggles with hunger.
- In 2019 5.2 million older Americans faced hunger in our country.
- More than 38 million people face hunger in the United States, including more than 11

million children.

- Every community in the country is home to families who face hunger. But rural communities are especially hard hit.

Your Food Drive Event

Here are some things to consider when planning a Food Drive for your local food pantry. Whatever you do, **Make It Fun!** Competition between groups, neighborhoods, departments at work, church groups, Chapters or different member teams in your Chapter always creates excitement and increases participation. Offer prizes or recognition to the winners.

REPORT THE RESULTS OF YOUR EVENT! Keep track of the number of pounds of food and other items that you collect AND the estimated number of hours spent on the drive. We have created a Fraternal Activity Reporting Form and Summary Activity Form for you to keep track of hours spent on planning your drive. Also, please remember to complete a National Member Food Drive Report to report the results of your Food Drive to the home office.

For estimating the number of hours for your event, a good rule of thumb is for every member/family that donates food, you can figure about 1 hour of

community service; time in shopping for the items and attending the event. So, if 25 members/families bring food to donate to your food drive, you can figure 25 total hours for the event, plus the planning and coordinating.

To help share your involvement in our national member Food Drive with other members and Chapters, be sure to **TAKE PICTURES** and send them to the home office for inclusion in the *Life Assured* magazine, Assured Life Blog and AssuredLife website. I know that we do not get involved in service for the recognition or publicity, but that recognition and publicity helps us tell the story of what we are all about! *Hospitality, Service, Loyalty and Protection.*

If you need help with creating a flyer for your food drive, call on the fraternal department and we will design a flyer especially for your event and send you a supply.

Feeding America is the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organizations. In 2020, Feeding America helped provide 5.2 billion meals to people in need. Feeding America has a nationwide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs that provides food and services to more than 40 million people each year. Its mission is to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger. Feeding America is a great resource to you as you plan your Food Drive. They can be found on the web at <http://feedingamerica.org>.

Before you organize a food drive, make sure you contact your local food bank or pantry. The food bank will give you advice on:

- Food Safety
- What types of items (food and non-food) they can safely accept
- When food is needed the most



[Your Neighborhood Name] Food Drive

Food Collection will benefit the [Name of Food Bank or Program]

Collection Date: [Date of Your Collection]

Collection Time: [Time of Your Collection]

Leave donated items on your porch for collection

The [Your Neighborhood Name] Food Drive is being promoted by [Your Name and Street] as part of Assured Life Association's National Member Food Drive. To learn about Assured Life Association, go to www.assuredlife.org.

To participate, simply put donated food/toiletry items in a bag and place on your front porch by [Time] on [Date]. We will collect the donations and deliver them to the [Name of Food Bank or Program]. Thank you in advance for your help.

For Questions or Additional Information:
Contact [Your Name] at [Your Phone #]
[Your Email Address]



NEEDS!
[Find out the needs of your local food bank or pantry and list items here]









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Food Drive Ideas



Chapter Meetings:

Probably the easiest of the ideas—have members bring donations of food items for the local food pantry to your next Chapter

meeting. Offer prizes or recognition to those that bring the most items.

And if you do have a Chapter Meeting Food Drive, take it a step further and do a **Food Build**. Build something using the food items you collect; like building blocks. **Earn your local Food Bank at least \$250 from the home office** for participating.

House Party: This is a **great idea for any individual member**. Does someone you know have a spectacular home on the lake or great view of the city skyline? Consider asking them to host a party with donations of food items for the local food pantry as admission to the party. Or have a barbeque and invite friends and family and ask them to bring food donations for the local food pantry.

Partner up: Great for groups. Ask a local grocery store if you can setup a food drive at the store. Have members or friends give out information about the collection as people go in so they can buy something extra for your drive. On the way out, collect the donations.

Host a Hunger/Homeless Awareness Dinner: Inspired by Rose City Portland, Oregon Camp 77, reach out to the local Food Bank or Homeless Shelters to plan a dinner with the proceeds generated from the dinner being donated to the local food bank or homeless shelter. The menu for the dinner could be the dinner that is provided to the homeless when they visit the homeless shelter. You can also talk to other organizations to co-host or sponsor the event.

Neighborhood Drive: Great for groups and individual members. Organize a neighborhood food drive. Just put out paper bags to each of your neighbors with a note or flyer. Ask them to fill the bag and put it out by their mail box or on their front porch on a particular day and time for pick up; or you can drop

by on a certain day to pick up their filled bags if you don't feel comfortable having the items outside unattended. Saturday around noon often works well for collection. Make sure to print your name and phone number on the note as a contact if there are any questions. And promote your Chapter or Assured Life Association.

Food Drive Scavenger Hunt: Pick a weekend day and have teams of members and friends compete to see how much food they can collect in their neighborhood in 2 hours. A list of food items is provided to each team with some food items getting more points than others. You can promote your food drive scavenger hunt ahead of time in the local newspaper to alert residents of the event. Leave a card of thanks promoting your Chapter or Assured Life Association. Give prizes for the teams that get the most items.

Trick or Treat Drive: Use the neighborhood drive idea with a twist. Change your note to indicate that this is part of a Trick or Treat Drive with the food collection happening the week before Halloween (you don't want to compete with the kids' Halloween night). Then have fun and get everyone to dress up in costume to go around and collect the food. End your Trick or Treat Drive with a costume party and count up the total pounds of food you collected.



Volunteer with a Food Bank this Fall: Food banks and pantries are helping children and families struggling with hunger. Join in by pledging to volunteer with other chapter members this fall.





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Fraternal Activity Reporting Form

Community Service/Charitable Events are those activities that assist needy individuals, non-profit organizations or improve the community-at-large, including all planning and organizing meetings. Use this reporting form to keep track of your hours. Complete a separate form for each activity of your event; planning/organizational meeting, event itself, delivery time (for food drives, school supply drives, toy drive, etc.).

I am reporting as ☐ an individual member ☐ a Chapter

Type of Community Service Activity/Event:

Short Description: _____

(Join Hands Day, Holiday Party, Food Drive, School Supply Drive, etc.)

Other Organizations involved in the Event (if applicable):

Category of Activity/Event:

☐ Committee or Organizing Meeting ☐ Event Itself

☐ Event Clean Up ☐ Delivery (for food drives, school supplies drive, etc.)

☐ Other (describe here: _____)

(1) Number of Volunteers Involved in the Activity: _____ **(2) Number of Guests:** _____

(3) Hours of Activity/Event (round to nearest hour): _____ **(4) Total Hours:** _____

$(1 + 2) \times 3$

Date of Activity: _____

Chapter: _____

Individual Completing This Form: _____

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Chapter Fraternal Activity Summary Report

Use this form to summarize or total all individual Chapter fraternal activity reporting forms for one fraternal support or community service project or to total all events by type for Chapter annual report.

Type of Activity/Event:

☐ Fraternal Support/Social Event ☐ Community Service/Charitable Event

Short Description: _____

(Join Hands Day, Anniversary Dinner, Holiday Party, Food Drive, etc.)

Number of Events/Activities Involved to put on the Event: _____ (total of committee or organizational meetings, other activities related to the event and the event itself)

Total Number of Members/Nonmembers Involved in the Event: _____ (total of all individual activity reporting forms)

Total Hours Involved in the Event: _____ (total of all individual activity reporting forms)

Date of Summary: _____

Chapter: _____

Individual Completing This Form: _____

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Consider a Theme for Your Food Drive

Meat the Need Food Drive

Canned ham, tuna, salmon, sardines, chicken

Vita-Veggie-Min Food Drive

Canned vegetables food drive

An Italian Feast Food Drive

Pasta, spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, Parmesan cheese

Soup for the Soul Food Drive

Canned or dehydrated soup, broth

Carbo Loading Food Drive

Rice & rice mixes, potato flakes, stuffing mix, pasta, noodles

Smart Start Food Drive

Cold cereal, hot cereal, shelf stable milk, canned fruit juice

Back to Basics Food Drive

Sugar, flour, vegetable oil, catsup, mustard, salad dressing

Grits and Other Grains Food Drive

Grits, oats, cereal, wheat germ, flour, rice, cake mixes

Comfort Food Drive

Macaroni & cheese, tomato soup, chicken & dumplin's, hot chocolate, spaghetti's, peanut butter

Baby Shower

And don't forget the important items for babies. Consider a and collect items needed for new-borns and toddlers.



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