

Tips for running a successful Food Drive for the Raleigh-Cary JFS Food Pantry

1. Please Contact JFS and let us know about your interest in holding a food drive. We will help you set a date for drop-off and let you know of any immediate food needs. You can reach Dina Stambler, Program and Outreach Manager, at Dina.Stambler@shalomraleigh.org.
2. Decide how long your food drive will run. Will it be a one-day event or are you interested in collecting food over multiple days/weeks? We suggest 1-4 weeks, depending on how you will be running your drive.
3. Check the [JFS wish list](#) of recommended food donations. Please do not donate any pork or shellfish products. You may also direct participants to shop from our [Amazon wish list](#) that is delivered directly to the JFS office. This is a great way to involve out of town family and friends.
4. Consider holding a food drive in honor of a birthday, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah, or other special event in your life. Let friends and family know using email and social media so they can help celebrate your special event. If you want to set up an online food drive just for your event, we can help you do this through [You Give Goods](#).
5. Decide how you are going to collect the food. Consider using several of these ideas if your food drive will be held over multiple dates. Be creative!
 - Hold a drive-thru event where friends and neighbors drive-by your home/school/ business with donations. Play music and consider giving a small treat like a roll of candy with a tag that says, "Thanks for being a LIFESAVER, Mandy's Birthday Food Drive 2021"
 - Hold a party (outside and socially distant) and ask everyone to bring a few cans of food as admission.
 - Hold a neighborhood food drive. Ask your neighbors to place a bag of food on their doorsteps on a designated morning marked "JFS." Drive around the neighborhood with your family collecting the bags. Consider leaving a small thank you treat like the LIFESAVER treat described above.
 - Place a collection bin on your front porch; partner with friends and ask each one to do the same.
 - At your next meeting or event ask everyone to bring a few cans of food as admission.
 - Have an online food drive for out of town friends and family or those who are not shopping in person. Use our easy online platform to set it up: [You Give Goods](#).
6. Take photos, share on social media and tag us @RaleighCaryJFS.

Thank you for your support of the JFS Food Pantry!

