

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How long should my drive be?**

Depending on the size of your organization, 1-2 weeks is optimal. You want to give people enough time to get their donation in, without losing a sense of urgency and excitement.

- **What items are needed the most?**

Nutritious nonperishable items like canned meats (including tuna, stews and soups), and canned fruits and vegetables are in greatest demand. Single-size cereal boxes are also needed for our children's lunches and weekend bags. See "Suggested Items to Donate" on page 10 for a more complete list.

- **How do I get the food drive donations to a Gleaners Distribution Center?**

We ask that whenever possible, you deliver your donations to one of our five warehouses. By saving Gleaners the expense of trucks, drivers and gas, you leave more dollars for feeding hungry people. Please see our [pick-up policy](#) for additional guidelines.

- **Can you pick up my donations today?**

In order to make the best, most efficient use of our funds, we pre-schedule our drivers. We ask that you schedule a pick-up at least a week ahead of time and that your pick-up be a minimum of 250 pounds.

- **How do I determine what my donation goal should be?**

Setting a goal is a great way to motivate donors, and it provides a sense of accomplishment at the end of your drive. See the section "Set Your Goal" on page 3 for suggestions on how to set a goal.

- **What would you prefer be donated: food or money?**

Gleaners is grateful for any and all donations. Food drives not only provide the food needed by our hungry neighbors, but also create a connection between donors and the people they are helping. On the other hand, monetary donations will yield more food as Gleaners can buy at deeply reduced rates. For every dollar donated, Gleaners can provide three meals. We also require funds to keep our freezers and trucks running. Ninety-five cents of every dollar donated goes directly to food and food programs.

- **What is the best way to collect monetary donations?**

Placing our donation canisters at your office or school provides much needed funds and means you don't need space for food drive boxes. We can also make a personalized, secure donation webpage for your organization, allowing you to spread the opportunity to give quickly and easily. Being able to donate online is a convenient option for donors.

- **How much does a can of food weigh?**

The average can of food weighs 15 oz -- almost a pound.

- **What supplies can Gleaners provide?**

Gleaners can provide food drive collection boxes, posters, donation canisters, stickers ("I Fed Someone Today"), donor recognition pin-ups, and a personalized fundraising website. See the section "Gather Supplies" on page 4 for images and information on how to obtain these.