



DIAPER DRIVE RESOURCE



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DIAPER DRIVE FACTS

- A healthy change of diapers costs an estimated \$100 per month or more regardless of age
- One out of every four babies born in Arizona are born into poverty
- A baby crying frequently due to soiled diapers is more likely to be abused
- 15-20% of adults over age 65 suffer some level of incontinence

WHERE DO THE DONATIONS GO?

- St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance disperses donated food and hygiene items across the state with 330 partner agencies at approximately 430 sites, including domestic violence shelters, churches, children's shelters, food pantries, halfway houses, and senior centers.
- The Food Bank's primary service area covers two-thirds of Maricopa County and all of Northern Arizona, including Yavapai, Gila, Coconino, Apache, Navajo, and Mohave Counties.
- Combining donated financial support and the value of donated food, 96 percent goes directly to program support.
- The Diaper Bank is a St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance sub-program provided in addition to our food assistance program.
- In the last fiscal year, the Food Bank distributed over 1,123,592 diapers, in addition to more than 63 million pounds of food into the community.

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DIAPER DRIVE CHECKLIST & SUCCESS TIPS

Please review this Food Drive Checklist List as you register and begin your food drive. Additional information, questions, and food drive changes should be directed to Chet Provorse, Food Drive Manager at cdprovorse@firstfoodbank.org or 602-343-3169.

1. Register your diaper drive

- a. At the earliest possible time, please register at one of the following:
 - i. Online at http://www.1stfoodbank.org/fd/fooddrive_form.html
 - ii. Via email addressed to food.drive@firstfoodbank.org
 - iii. Via phone to Corbett Winningham at 602-343-3173
- b. For large drives anticipating more than 5,000 lbs donated and/or more than five donor locations, please provide us with as much lead time as possible. This is especially important for financial institutions, government agencies and those taking place at schools so that we can work to adjust our schedules to meet donor needs.
- c. Provide all following information to ensure timely food bank follow-up, appropriate box delivery and donation pick-up:
 - i. Donor Organization, Donor (DN) # if had prior food drive, Contact Name, Address, Contact Tel #, Contact Email, Contact FAX, Box Pick-up\Drop Off Date(s), Box Return\Drop Off Date(s), special organization location access instructions and any other special comments.

2. Get your food drive boxes

- a. If 3 or less food drive boxes are needed, we request that donors pick-up the boxes and return them to the food bank. This saves significant staff

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and transportation dollars, which can then be used to purchase additional food for those in need.

- b. Verify how our driver can access your donor location with a 24ft. box truck.
 - i. Please contact Food Drive Manager Chet Provorse at 602-343-3169 who will work with our Transportation/Logistics to help you determine or reschedule an alternate transport method.

3. Food Drive Logistics

- a. Do not overload food drive boxes - 3/4 full is optimal. We can always deliver more boxes if they are getting full.
- b. It's critical we know if the food drive is being extended in order to provide needed replacement boxes.
- c. Keep in touch with our staff if there are any concerns or changes during the food drive.

4. Schedule a pick-up of your donated items

- a. Contact the food drive team if your pick-up day hasn't already been scheduled.
 - i. Reconsider if it's possible for you to now bring in the donation rather than use a large truck.
- b. Confirm the pick-up and box count 1 to 2 days before the scheduled food drive pick-up date.
- c. Allow enough time to adjust truck/driver scheduling if your food drive is cancelled or rescheduled. Whenever possible, please provide at least 48 hours notice.
 - i. It is very difficult to schedule or reschedule last minute drop-offs or pick-ups, so we ask that all food drive requests be received in our food drive office by 2 p.m. two days before the scheduled delivery or pick-up.

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- d. Due to Route Driver scheduling, we are only able to make pick-ups and deliveries to food drive locations between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5. Pick-up Logistics

- a. Write your DN (donor number) prominently on each of the boxes to make sure our receiving department credits you for the donation.
- b. Ensure the food drive boxes are staged in a centralized location accessible to our drivers in order to facilitate pick-up of donation. Please ensure that there is elevator access for the pick-up of food drive items if they will be staged above or below the ground floor.
- c. If you will be using pallets for the food drive, please locate the pallets on a floor surface that won't be damaged by our equipment. (2 wheelers, hand jacks, etc.)

Thank you for your help with these guidelines. Please let us know what else we can do to facilitate this year's food drive process.



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ONLINE VIRTUAL RESOURCES

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance Web Site	www.firstfoodbank.org
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance on Facebook	http://www.facebook.com/firstfoodbank
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance Daily Platter Blog	http://blog.firstfoodbank.org
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance on Twitter	http://twitter.com/stmarysfoodbank
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance YouTube	http://www.youtube.com/smfba



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Hunger 101AZ Facebook	www.facebook.com/hunger101az
Hunger 101AZ Blog	http://hunger101az.blogspot.com
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TOP TEN MOST WANTED FOOD AND DIAPER DRIVE ITEMS

Beans

(canned or dried)

Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Canned Soups, Stews, Chili and Pastas

Cereal

(whole grain, low sugar)

Diapers

(children's & adults)

Juice

(canned, plastic or boxed)

Pasta

Peanut Butter

Rice

Tuna

(canned or vacuum packed)



SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD AND DIAPER DRIVE ITEMS

(COMMONLY NEEDED)

Baking mixes

(pancake, corn bread, cake mixes/icing, quick breads)

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate Mix

Cooking oil

Crackers

Jelly or Jam

Ham, Chicken, Salmon

(canned or vacuum packed)

Household Paper Supplies

(napkins, toilet, tissues and towels)

Soap & Shampoo

Soap and Sanitizing Gels

Tomato Products

Toothpaste



DIAPER DRIVE IDEAS: INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE BOX

1. On the first day of the drive, hold a "Poopsicle Party" and give fudgesicles to everyone who brings in a packet of diapers. Or have the party after the drive is over to thank everyone.
2. Have a "Who's That Baby?" contest in your workplace. Ask employees to bring in pictures of themselves when they were babies. Post those on a bulletin board for everyone to see and have employees guess who they are. Have them vote on cutest baby, most changed adult, adult who still looks like their baby picture, etc.
3. Distribute 'Poopsie Rolls' (tootsie rolls) with Thank You notes to people who participate or as a reminder to bring in diapers.
4. Decorate a central collection area. Playpens make great props, and some baby shower decorations will top it off. A large box wrapped in baby wrapping paper works great, too.
5. Set up a jar to collection spare change. Call it "Time for a Diaper Change."
6. Arrange with area businesses to donate professional services for an auction. Use diapers and hygiene items based on weight or type of packaging for bidding.
7. Auction supervisors\management off for diapers and hygiene items to be the butler for a designated date/time.
8. Bake sales with goods sold for designated amounts of diapers and hygiene items.
9. Bean jar guessing contest with opportunity to guess for prize(s) based on donations of diapers and hygiene items.
10. Board game competition with diapers and hygiene items as the participation fee.



11. Book sales where books and magazines are purchased with designated amounts of diapers and hygiene items.
12. Teams build items out of canned goods or diaper boxes and students/staff vote with their donated additional items of diapers and hygiene.
13. Car wash with diapers and hygiene items or cash as payment.
14. Collect diapers, hygiene items and cash donations at a school sporting events, pep rallies, concerts, performance, or assemblies.
15. Costume Day or Wacky Hat Day where staff donates a designated amount of diapers and hygiene items for the privilege of wearing costumes and/or wacky hats to the work setting on a designated day.
16. Dog bathing event with donation of diapers and hygiene items.
17. Donation bags are distributed to participants to take home and return it full of diapers and hygiene items.
18. Face painting offered with donations of diapers and hygiene items.
19. Gift basket(s) of community donated items auction or raffle.
20. Gift basket contest with prizes for Gift Baskets of diapers and hygiene items with prizes for largest, most unique, most colorful etc.
21. Have staff management vote with their donated items to management leaders who will have to complete an agreed upon activity. The individual with the most votes may have to kiss a cow, shave their head, or be hit in the face with a pie.
22. Promote special donation days seeking diapers one day, powders another time, lotions and baby toys another time etc
23. Special breakfast, pizza party, in-office bistro or other event for which diapers or hygiene items are the admission.



24. Raffle with fun prizes such as having staff and/or management offer to do designated tasks to help the winner with participation based on diaper donation.
25. Scavenger Hunt for Food in the neighborhood with staff. Give a list of diapers and hygiene items to gather within a designated time frames and geographic area with prizes for timing, poundage, per capita, etc.
26. Best Seats In The House raffle for a whole range of sporting, entertainment or other event with diapers and hygiene items as the raffle ticket participation price.
27. Yard or parking lot sales where items are purchased based on a designated point value system of diapers and hygiene items for sale pricing.
28. [Any theme that you think would be appropriate to your organization and its enterprise network.](#)



FOOD/DIAPER DRIVE FAQs

1. Why hold a Diaper Drive?

A Diaper Drive is a great way for a school, church, business, or social organization to connect with the Food Bank in helping their communities. Last year, St. Mary's Food Bank delivered approximately 1,123,592 diapers to the community.

2. How can I set up a Diaper Drive?

Same as with a Food Drive - You can call the Food Drive hotline, 602-343-3173, and speak to the Food Drive Coordinator. Or, you can visit our website, www.firstfoodbank.org, and click on "Host a Food Drive." Then click on the Donation Form, fill it in, and submit. The Food Drive Coordinator will call you back if there are any questions.

3. How long should a Diaper Drive be?

There is no set length, but it should be long enough (we recommend at least one week) to generate a good amount of products.

4. How many Food Drive boxes will I need?

If you have held previous drives with us, you should have a good idea of your needs. If this is your first drive, two things to consider are: the length of the drive and whether it's internal (employees only) or external (employees and the public).

We have two types of Food Drive containers: our regular food drive boxes, which hold around 150lbs. We also have bins (aka gaylords) that hold 800-1100lbs.

5. Can the boxes be delivered and picked up?

We can deliver the empty Food Drive boxes (collapsed) and pick up the full ones. However, in order to use our (scarce) resources with the most cost efficiency, we would appreciate your picking up and dropping off the boxes. If you gather less

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than two full boxes, we ask that you bring the food to either our Phoenix (2831 N. 31st Ave. Phoenix 85009) or Surprise (13050 W. Elm St. Surprise 85374) locations. You can also bring the food to the nearest Goodwill or U-haul location.

6. What kinds of items are the 'most wanted?'

See page 8 in this packet or our website click on the "Host a Food Drive" link to find the list. However, try to avoid anything in glass containers.

7. Will you take monetary donations?

Yes! Although we can certainly use the diapers and food, for each dollar we get we can purchase the equivalent of 7 meals.

8. Is there anything else I can do?

Yes! You can volunteer at either of our locations. It's a great team-building activity and you'll get to see what makes us tick. For more information, visit our website or call 602-343-3128.

You can also learn more about us and what we do by arranging a tour of our facilities, or having an educational presentation about Hunger 101AZ at the food bank or at your location. Contact Chet Provorse, Food Drive Manager at 602-343-3169 or cdprovorse@firstfoodbank.org.

Lastly, you can become a food bank ambassador by sharing information with your family, friends and colleagues.

This is your drive! Create your success!

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