

How to organize a **FOOD DRIVE** for your congregation/organization:



You want to do a food drive for Good Samaritan! That is so exciting!

Step 1 Decide on the type of food drive

- A. Drive-Up** - a pandemic favorite where people can stay in their cars and make a quick drop-off
- B. Slow Collection and Delivery** - where people bring their food slowly over time to a central receiving point, say your church office.
- C. Donation Bin** - If your business, church or organization is open and you want a low maintenance food drive, put out a large bin for collecting canned food. When it is full, deliver it.
- D. Fill a Grocery Bag** - Challenge each member of your congregation to fill a grocery bag full of food and then collect the bags either through drive-by or slow-collection!

Step 2 **Recruit the volunteers or staff members** you will need to help either on the day of the drive or leading up to it.

Step 3 **Set a Date and/or Deadline and Location** [If applicable]

Step 4 **Contact Good Samaritan Food Pantry** and let them know what you are planning: 727-544-8558 or office@goodsam-church.org. Make sure to schedule your delivery date/time.

Step 5 **Personalize the images/flyers with your dates/location** with your dates/location

Step 6 **Get word out** in at least 3 different forms [i.e. email, social media, announcement, mailing, phone calls, etc.]

Step 7 Hold your drive

- A. Drive-Up:** You will need volunteers on-site to pull food from trunks and either store it or pack in cars to be brought to Good Samaritan Church if your delivery date/time is the same day.
- B. Slow Collection:** Maybe you have asked people over a period of time [i.e. a month] to drop off food donations at a central location. Don't forget to make sure it gets to Good Samaritan once you have reached your deadline!
- C. Donation Bin:** Maybe you have simply put out a donation bin at your business or organization. Once your bin is full schedule a delivery date/time.
- D. Grocery Bag:** Collect your grocery bags and figure out how to transport them to Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

Step 8 **Deliver food** on your delivery date/time to Good Samaritan Food Pantry. The address is 6085 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park, FL and our pantry hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please schedule delivery ahead of time.