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Community Service Project Food Drive

Here is an important project that can make a big difference: help people eat! Whether you gather a relatively small amount of food with the help of friends or you collect tons of groceries through the larger community, everything can go to fill empty bellies. Some that get assistance from food banks are homeless, some simply are having a hard time between paychecks, and some fall in-between.

Basic Checklist

Before you begin

- Decide if you want to get help from friends and family only, or if you want to make it a larger effort. Ideas for bigger food drives include recruiting people from your school, church or the Dojang, or you can set up a booth at a grocery store to get help from their shoppers (be sure to get permission from the store first).
- Contact the food bank of your choice so that you can be sure you collect items that they need.
- Decide if you will raise food, money or both.
- Decide what type of drive you want to stage such as a party or a competition. Then, establish a goal.
- Agree on the drive length. Will it be for one day? One week? More?
- Choose the drive's location. Will it occur at one place or at several locations?
- Decide on a collection method. Will people be dropping food in a box, delivering it to you, or will you collect it yourself?

Getting ready

Make posters and flyers.

- Create shopping lists of items you want people to buy for your drive. Make several lists for different price ranges.
- Send out memos, phone messages, newsletters and e-mails to promote the drive.
- Market the drive. Can you think of a special theme or slogan? Sponsor competitions between teams, classes or departments. Or plan a special event to encourage giving.
- Acquire and decorate barrels or boxes for food collection.
- Place the barrels or boxes in convenient and visible areas. Arrange to store them during the drive.

Starting your drive

- Update participants on the amount of food and funds you've collected.
- Send out creative messages to keep people excited about reaching the goals.

When the drive is over

- If you are delivering the food to a food bank, coordinate packing and transportation. Some food banks offer pickup.
- Share drive results with all participants. Send thank-you letters. Throw a party. Make awards to celebrate efforts.
- Write down your good ideas for your next drive and share them with others in the Dojang!

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Organizations that accept food donations

Capital Area Food Bank Of Austin
www.austinfoodbank.org/
282-2111

Community Partnership for the Homeless
austinhomeless.org
469.9130

The Pet Food Bank of Austin and Travis County
www.greyhoundrescueaustin.com/gra/food-bank.htm
453-7737 or 288-0068

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Complete the following to get credit for your Service Stripe.

Name of Student _____ Date(s) of Food Drive _____

Number of people involved _____ Amount of time spent on project _____

Amount of food/money collected _____

Please describe your experience :