



## 2009 Douglas County Employee Holiday Food Drive December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>

To all Douglas County employees, your friends, neighbors, families and associates:

Food Drive time is once again upon us. It is through your *caring enough* to contribute a can of food or a dollar or two that has been making an unpromising holiday time much brighter for our community residents and neighbors who do not have enough resources to feed themselves or their families. It is because of this need in our community that I have had the privilege of watching this miracle unfold year after year. It is neither expected nor required to give to this Food Drive, but somehow it is the giving nature of your character that has demonstrated, over and over again, that this is much more than fun and games or a 'must do thing', everyone simply gives from their heart, and with joy. *Thank you very much~*

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Here is how it works...

Each department strives to collect the most pounds of food possible. This can be done by individuals bringing in food donations (see the attached list of suggested food items) or by providing a cash contribution (make checks out to: UCAN FOOD SHARES). If monies are collected, they are converted to pounds and added to that departments total as pounds collected. Each \$1.00 is worth 5 pounds of food.

At the end of three weeks, the total for each department is tallied and the results are announced at the following Commissioners weekly public meeting held Wednesday morning. The results are then posted in the main entrance of the Courthouse on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and on the HR web page.

The departments will compete in four categories for sport. The winners of the four categories are recognized for their achievement during the presentation at the Commissioners meeting.

The four categories are: Most improved from last year; Most pounds per employee; Most pounds per department and Judge's choice.

This is all done in the spirit of rivalry and, essentially, has little to do with the fact that you, the employees of Douglas County are providing a valued gift to the community that is above and beyond any obligation or requirement.

I am available to answer any questions you may have or provide any assistance in collecting foodstuffs or donations that you may need help with.

I can be reached at 957-4896 or by email at [drcherry@co.douglas.or.us](mailto:drcherry@co.douglas.or.us)

Thank you in advance for your support, generosity and caring.

*Wishing you a season filled with sweetness!*



Donald R. Cherry / HR Analyst

## SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS AND SIZES FOR DONATION TO FOOD BOXES

*UCAN greatly appreciates any assistance they receive with donated food items. All canned and dry foods will be readily distributed to Agencies throughout Douglas County. The following is a list of those food items that are usually in great demand at the Emergency Food Box Pantries.*

### DRY GOODS:

Rice, converted  
Kidney beans  
Red beans  
Any other beans  
Spaghetti  
Macaroni  
Egg noodles  
Macaroni and cheese  
“Ramen type” noodles  
Oatmeal  
Baking mix (ie. Bisquick)  
Flour

### SUGGESTED SIZES:

bulk or 2 lbs.  
bulk or 12-16 oz.  
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7 1/4 oz.  
individual packs  
bulk or 16 oz.  
bulk or 5 lbs.  
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### ENTREE TYPE FOODS:

Peanut butter 18 oz.  
Tuna 6 1/2 oz.  
Vegetarian beans 15 oz.  
Soups (canned or dried) 10 3/4 oz.  
Pork and beans 16 oz.  
Chili 15 oz.  
Baked beans 16 oz.  
Canned spaghetti, ravioli, etc. 15 oz.

### VEGETABLES, CANNED:

Any “economical” vegetables 15-17 oz.  
(Tomato sauce always needed)

### FRUITS, CANNED:

Any “economical” fruits 15-17 oz.

### DAIRY PRODUCTS:

Milk, non-fat dry milk any size