

the JOY MAKER CHALLENGE



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Be a Joy Maker!

The holidays are a wonderful time when people celebrate with their family and friends. But for those who don't have the opportunity to be surrounded by loved ones, the joyful holiday season becomes a lonely time of year. By completing acts of joy through meaningful service, you can bring holiday cheer into their lives.

Issue Area: Hunger

Project Name: January Harvest

What You're Doing: You're helping food-insecure households get the nutrition they need by running a non-perishable food drive for your local foodbank.

Why It's Important: In 2014, 48.1 million people didn't know where their next meal was coming from, but we can make 2016 better by collecting food for the hungry! There is often a post-holiday slump in food donations so set your food drive for the holidays and deliver in January!

What You Need:

- Poster board or construction paper for posters or fliers
- A large, sturdy box
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons, glitter, etc. for decorating your posters, fliers, and donation box

Project Instructions for:

1. Contact your local social services or local soup kitchen and tell them you will be doing a food drive for nonperishable items. Ask them what their needs are and how and when to deliver the donation.
2. Make posters and fliers advertising your food drive encouraging families to buy an extra can or box of food as they do their holiday shopping. Include when, where, and how people should drop off their donations.
3. Ask local businesses--especially grocery stores--if they would display your posters and fliers.
4. Decorate and setup your collection box.
5. Collect those cans!
6. Sort through the donations. Make sure nothing has expired. Count your grand total of items.
7. Drop off your donation with the local social service or soup kitchen.
8. Thank everyone who helped you and tell them the grand total of items donated!

Reflection Questions:

1. How did our project help people?
2. Did we learn anything?
3. What worked well about our project?
4. What can we do better next time?
5. What is our next service project?