

## 2010 Top Food Drives:

Who	How	Wow!
<b>South Brunswick High School</b>	Students took turns manning 5 different local grocery stores to solicit donations. They passed out flyers at the entrance asking people to buy something extra to donate and accepted donations as people left the store.	12,100 pounds
<b>Hess, Woodbridge</b>	Thanksgiving food drive with a competition held among the 12 floors in the office building. They also raise money and purchase additional food for us.	11,750 pounds
<b>Rutgers Against Hunger (RAH)</b>	Through a combination of efforts including a citrus sale, dodge ball tournament, and RAH regular collection efforts throughout the campus.	10,175 pounds \$4,500.00
<b>Grace Lutheran Church, Perth Amboy</b>	Collects food at their services each week. Each month the congregation focuses on a different item in addition to collecting a variety of necessities.	4,700 pounds
<b>Campbell School, Metuchen</b>	Student Council members organize this drive throughout the month of January. They create and hang posters and remind their fellow students daily about the collection.	4,600 pounds
<b>AC Redshaw School, New Brunswick</b>	The Safety Patrol group runs the food drive as part of their community service. The Safeties created a large banner and hung posters around the school to promote the food drive. They helped guide younger students with donations to the containers.	3,150 pounds
<b>Middlesex County Summer Food Drive</b>	County employees at the administration building and all satellite offices collect donations in August and September. The Parks Department also collected food at their Labor Day Concert. Some of the unions and employees also made monetary contributions.	5,250 pounds \$462.00
<b>Milltown Recreation Department</b>	A combination of collections at various activities and events including a collection at Milltown Day.	2,450 pounds
<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson, New Brunswick</b>	Employees donate food during several food drives held throughout the year and monetary contributions are made from the Employee Gift Fund.	1,700 pounds \$2,800.00
<b>Deer Brook Village, North Brunswick</b>	Collects donations on a regular basis in their management office. They also give their residents the opportunity to pick up their lease agreement and waive the certified mailing fee which is then donated.	1,650 pounds \$882.35
<b>East Brunswick High School</b>	Students and staff contribute donations during the Spring food drive. Staff make monetary contributions during the holiday season.	1,750 pounds \$1,405.00
<b>East Brunswick Division of Recreation</b>	A combination of efforts from the Summer Camp program, Youth Council food drives held at the Acme and general collections through the department.	3,050 pounds
<b>More than 200 businesses and organization sponsored food drives or made contributions in 2010 for a total of 350 tons of food and over \$35,000 in monetary contributions.</b>		



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### Summer Collection @ Plays-in-the-Park

Nonperishable foods and necessities are collected at all plays and concerts held at Roosevelt Park in Edison. Come out and enjoy a show and don't forget to bring along your donation. Summer is a particularly difficult time for emergency food providers to keep our shelves stocked - donations at these events can make a huge impact in helping us keep up with demand. For information on performances, dates and times call the Middlesex County Parks Department 732-548-2884, Mon.- Fri. 8:30 - 4:00, or see [www.playsinthepark.com](http://www.playsinthepark.com)

**M.C.F.O.O.D.S.**  
Middlesex County's Emergency Food Network



M.C.F.O.O.D.S. was created in 1994 to help provide food and other basic necessities to Middlesex County residents in need. The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority provide resources including personnel, infrastructure, transportation and services for ongoing efforts to ease hunger. By coordinating food drives through local schools, municipalities, businesses and organizations, M.C.F.O.O.D.S. is able to expand its emergency food network and ensure that our residents remain nutritionally healthy. We provide food and supplies to over 80 food pantries, senior citizen nutrition sites and soup kitchens in Middlesex County.



## How M.C.F.O.O.D.S Works

We collect and warehouse food donations from single drop-off sites throughout the county, food drives conducted by local business and organizations as well as special annual food drive events conducted by schools and municipalities. We provide bins to store donations and we provide transportation of the contributions to our warehouse.



Registered food pantries and soup kitchens are welcome to pick up food and necessities at our distribution center located on Jersey Avenue in New Brunswick on Wednesdays between 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

## Most Needed Items

We accept canned goods and non-perishables



### Food

Tuna  
Peanut Butter  
Cereal  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Meat  
Pasta/Rice  
Soup/Stew



### Personal Hygiene

Shampoo  
Soap  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste



### Baby Products

Baby Food  
Diapers  
Baby Wipes

## Monetary Contributions

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please send a check payable to M.C.F.O.O.D.S. c/o MCIA, 101 Interchange Plaza, Cranbury, NJ 08512. Monetary contributions are used solely for the purchase of nonperishable foods and necessities.

## How You Can Help

Become part of the M.C.F.O.O.D.S. network by sponsoring a food or diaper drive, collecting food, volunteering at the distribution site or providing transportation for food pickup and delivery. M.C.F.O.O.D.S. is always looking for organizations that can collect food on a regular basis.

We will supply each business/organization with containers to store the food throughout the drive, posters to advertise the drive and transportation for the food donations.

Many community groups have made long-term commitments to helping us keep our shelves stocked by holding regular or ongoing events. We invite you to create your own event to help us meet the growing needs of the organizations in our network.

## Middlesex County Schools Spring Food Drive

Approximately 160 schools participate in our annual Spring School Drive, generating over 50 tons of food each year.

To prepare for the two-week drive, schools are provided with flyers, containers and empty bags to be sent home with students to collect donations.

## May National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive

Post offices in Highland Park, New Brunswick and Edison collect food donations on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Postal workers collect the food on their routes and bring it back to the post office. M.C.F.O.O.D.S. provides volunteers to man the post offices, help unload the mail trucks, and sort and box the donations.

## Monroe Fall Harvest Food Drive

Seven adult communities in Monroe participate in this annual event, bringing an average of eight tons of donations to M.C.F.O.O.D.S. each year. M.C.F.O.O.D.S. volunteers assist with distributing bags and flyers to the residents. The Monroe Department of Public Works collects the donations that residents leave near their mailboxes or at a designated drop-off and delivers them to the M.C.F.O.O.D.S. warehouse.

## Year-Round Drop-Off Locations

Contributions are accepted year-round at permanent drop-off boxes located at the public libraries in East Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen, Milltown, Monroe, North Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Piscataway, Plainsboro, South Brunswick, South Plainfield, Spotswood, South Amboy and Woodbridge.

If you are unable to deliver your donations, arrangements can be made to have the items picked up.

## Sponsor a Food Drive...It's Easy!

Sponsoring a food drive is easier than you think. Suggest a food collection at your place of work or through your community involvements. Here are some ideas to make it fun.

- Themed collections
- Monthly office/meeting collections (Tuna Tuesday, June JELL-O® Fest, etc.)
- Hold a Contest with another internal office
- Employees vs. client department, business or organizations
- Food for Entry at Events
- Holiday Party collections