


2014 Top Food Drives:

Who	How	Wow!
United Way of Central Jersey	Coordinated food drives with many partnering businesses.	9,000 pounds
Old Bridge High School Air Force Junior ROTC	The cadets collected and donated a variety of nonperishable goods to our program during a Thanksgiving food drive.	8,550 pounds
Randolphville Elementary School in Piscataway	Students collected at various grocery stores and through the school as part of our annual Spring School Food Drive.	7,250 pounds
East Brunswick High School Football Team	Team members sponsored a summer food drive by distributing flyers in their neighborhoods and going back to pick up donations from residents. All donations were gathered at the high school locker room.	6,000 pounds 
East Brunswick Division of Recreation	A combination of efforts from the Summer Camp program (2,050) and Youth Council food drives held at the Acme (3,200).	5,250 pounds
Rutgers Against Hunger (RAH)	RAH collected at various events and activities on campus throughout the year. Monetary contributions were raised through the Alumni Association 5K race.	4,600 pounds \$10,000.00
Monroe Township Middle School	The Builder's Club sponsors food drive events throughout the year and generates enthusiasm among the student body with creative competitions.	3,650 pounds
Deer Brook Village, North Brunswick	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.	3,000 pounds \$715.57
Our Savior Lutheran Church, East Brunswick	Collects at their weekly services as well as special holiday events.	3,100 pounds
US Environmental Protection Agency	Employees collected as part of the "Feds Feeds" summer food drive between July and September.	2,850 pounds
NJ FCCLA	Members from across the state participated in the Annual Fall Leadership Conference food drive.	2,450 pounds
Temple B'Nai Shalom, East Brunswick	Collects at their weekly services, as well as special holiday events.	2,050 pounds
Greater Brunswick Area Women's Club	The women's group collected at a local grocery store on our behalf.	2,000 pounds

More than 275 business, organizations, churches and schools sponsored food drives in 2014. These donations combined with corporate product donations and contributions from the Community Food Bank of NJ resulted in a total of 1,481,600 pounds of food being distributed through the MCFOODS Program.



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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, soup kitchens and social service agencies in Middlesex County.

M.C.F.O.O.D.S. also provides a means of communication and coordination among emergency food providers in the County. Through the website (www.mciauth.com), frequent emails and regular local coalition meetings, we are more efficiently distributing food to those in need and making the most of the limited resources available to M.C.F.O.O.D.S. and social service agencies in Middlesex County.



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

We collect, sort and store nonperishable foods generated through food drives and special events conducted by local businesses, organizations, schools and municipalities. We provide bins to store donations and we provide transport contributions to our warehouse.



Registered food pantries and soup kitchens are welcome to pick up food and necessities at our distribution center, located in New Brunswick, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Most Needed Items

We accept canned goods and nonperishable products only. No glass items please!



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 and volunteering at the distribution site. 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 help 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.

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

Middlesex County Schools Spring Food Drive

Approximately 130 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.

Summer Food Needs

Please remember hunger doesn't take a vacation, and supplemental food needs often increase during the summer months. Please consider sponsoring a food drive during the summer instead of or in addition to the holiday season to help ensure a steady supply of necessities is available at all times.

Summer is a particularly difficult time for emergency food providers to keep shelves stocked - donations from summer camps, activities and events can make a huge impact in helping us keep up with demand.

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 Amboy, South Brunswick, South Plainfield, Spotswood and Woodbridge.

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