



Manna Outreach, Inc.

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Fundraising & Food Drive Ideas!

Manna appreciates all you do to help in providing food and funds to buy food for the pantry. The monetary gifts and food drives do so much to allow Manna able to serve the ever-increasing number of families in need.

Here are some old and some new ideas that can be used to help Manna throughout the year.

Five Pound Party

Ask each member of your group to bring 5 pounds of non-perishable food. A prize can be awarded for the person who has the most items in their 5 pound limit. Donate all the food to Manna.

Five Dollar Party

Each member of the group spends \$5 on non perishable food items. Prizes could be awarded for: the largest number of food items, and the biggest box filled with food items. Donate all the food to Manna!

Christmas In July...

Many organizations have food drives in the months of November and December. Consider having an Easter Food Drive, a Christmas in July food drive, or a back to school drive .

Collecting Contest

Have a contest to see which class or group can collect the most pounds of food, or the greatest number of packages of food.

Neighborhood Drive

Distribute Manna brochures to your neighbors with a personal note from you. Explain that you support the food pantry and that you will drop by on a certain day to pick up any items they would like to donate. Transport the items to Manna after you collect them. Ask your neighbors if they would like you to come by once a month.

Instead of collecting food, you can have a drive to collect funds for Manna. Manna buys many staples at the FreeStore/Foodbank for a very low cost per pound.

Mystery Item Raffle

Have each person bring a wrapped gift. Set a price limit of \$5 (or other agreed on price). Others bid on the mystery gifts and all money is donated to Manna.

Refreshment Donation

Agree within your group to skip refreshments for every other meeting for a year. Have each host or hostess donate the money they would spend on refreshments to Manna.

Food for a Day

Have each person figure up what they spend on food for their family for a day, and donate that much to Manna.

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Fast & Give

Have each person agree to fast for one meal each week, and donate the cost of those meals to Manna.

Crop Walk

Involve your group in the Crop Walk, a nationally known and locally supported walk. Each member gets sponsors for the walk in our area. Manna benefits directly from money raised and donated in our area. Contact Pastor Dave Young at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for more information (513-922-5590). Church Web Site www.gloriadei-elca.org.

Crop Walk Web Site www.churchworldservice.org.

Food Item for the Month

Invite your group to bring a certain item needed by Manna to each meeting, or for an entire month. Over the year, you can provide a substantial amount of food donations! Ideas for food items are: Peanut Butter & Jelly Cereal Spaghetti or Pasta Canned Meat or Fish Spaghetti Sauce Canned Fruit Canned Vegetables Soup Crackers Macaroni & Cheese

Ideas for non-food items are:

Bar Soap Shampoo
Toothbrushes Brown Bags

Toilet Tissue Dry Laundry Detergent

These two items are repackaged. Large size or multipacks of these items are fine!

Stuffed Animal Drive

What a wonderful month it would be if each child could choose or be given a clean, gently used soft toy for themselves. How many would we need? In just the month of July 2005, 516 children were served.

Gift Exchange Alternative

Instead of a gift exchange with your club or work group, have your group agree that everyone will spend their gift amount on hats and gloves for children. In December 2005, 678 children were served by Manna.

Shout Out to Garage Sale Lovers

Challenge all your garage sale lovers and auction attendees to spend their change at sales to collect certain items for Manna. Collect and store coats till winter for Manna, have a giant box in your building and fill it with gym shoes, look for baby clothes that are like-new.

Borrowed Driveways Make Great Sale Places

Have a garage sale with the proceeds going to Manna. "Borrow" driveways and garages of those in your group who are not having their own sale when a street sale is being held in their neighborhood.