

2008 Top Food Drives:

Who	How	Wow!
Rutgers University (RAH, Recreation, Credit Union)	Combination of Recreation Department's competition between all of the recreation facilities, Rutgers Against Hunger program and the Credit Union office collection. Gift cards were also generated by the Recreation Department during their October food drive and during the Great University Bake Sale.	6,500 pounds \$1,560 giftcards
Hess, Woodbridge	Thanksgiving Food Drive with a competition held among the 12 floors of their office building.	6,350 pounds
Grace Lutheran Church, Perth Amboy	Collects food at their services each week. Each month the congregation focuses on a different item in addition to collecting a variety of necessities.	4,000 pounds
St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick	Began collecting food in 2008 as part of their centennial celebration and will continue to collect on a regular basis.	3,900 pounds
Legal Services of NJ, Edison	Held several food drives at their facility throughout the year.	3,850 pounds
Middlesex County Employee Food Drive	County employees at the administration building and all satellite offices collected donations during August and September.	3,600 pounds
Temple B'Nai Shalom, East Brunswick	Members donated food at their services each week and special collections were held during their high holiday services.	3,550 pounds
Middlesex County Retired Educators	Members donate food at each of their quarterly meetings.	2,450 pounds
East Brunswick - Division of Recreation - Summer Camp Cares Program	Sponsors an annual collection with a competition between the 1,100 kids at 8 camp sites throughout the town. The site that brings in the most donations wins a pizza party.	2,800 pounds
Edison AARP	Members donate food at each of their monthly meetings.	2,050 pounds
Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, Skillman and North Brunswick	Employees donated at food drives held at their facilities in New Brunswick, North Brunswick and Skillman. The Employee Gift Fund also donated \$500 in grocery store gift cards.	2,000 pounds \$525 giftcards
NJ Marine Corps Road Detachment	Gift Card donations were made at Thanksgiving and Christmas.	\$1,550 giftcards
Piscataway, Middlesex, South Plainfield Chamber of Commerce	Donated \$1,000 in grocery store gift cards with funds raised through an annual golf outing. They also collected food at various Chamber sponsored events.	200 pounds \$1,000 giftcards
More than 200 businesses and organizations sponsored food drives or made contributions in 2008 for a total of 178 tons of food and over \$11,000 in gift cards.		



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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 all Middlesex County residents in need. Assisting in our ongoing efforts to ease hunger, the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) aid the M.C.F.O.O.D.S. network by coordinating food drives through local schools, municipalities, businesses and organizations. By coordinating efforts, 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/supplies to over 60 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 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. – noon.

If you would like to register your organization to receive food, please contact us.

Most Needed Items

We accept canned goods and non-perishables only. No glass items please!



Food



Personal Hygiene



Baby Products

Tuna	Shampoo	Baby Food
Peanut Butter	Soap	Diapers
Cereal	Deodorant	Baby Wipes
Canned Fruit	Toothpaste	
Canned Meat		
Pasta/Rice		
Soup/Stew		

Grocery Gift Cards

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please purchase a gift certificate/gift card to a local grocery store and mail it to M.C.F.O.O.D.S. c/o MCIA, 101 Interchange Plaza, Cranbury, NJ 08512. We are unable to accept cash or checks.



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 on-going 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 161 schools participate in our annual Spring School Drive, generating over 55 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 a designated day each May. 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 site 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, Plainsboro, 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.

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
- Employees vs. clients department, business or organization
- Food for Entry at Events
- Holiday Party collections