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This very-difficult year has right food insecurities to many homes that have not seen it before, and has been worse for those who see Hunger as a frequent

companion. For those of us who have been lucky enough to enjoy continuous employment through "Safe at Home" and may feel called to give back to those who are still struggling.

We set-up this food donation calendar to put aside an item each day through the month of November to donate to a community pantry on the 25th, the day before Thanksgiving. It we all do this collectively, we can "move the needle" of hunger in our community.

November 1 – Canned Soup	November 14 – Pancake mix (complete just add water)
November 2 – Peanut Butter	November 15 – Pack of cookies or other snacks
November 3 – Jelly in plastic bottle	November 16 – Oatmeal
November 4 – Spaghetti Sauce (canned)	November 17 – Vegetable Oil
November 5 – Pasta	November 18 - Canned tuna or chicken
November 6 – Shelf-safe Cheese (Parmesan)	November 19 – Instant Potatoes
November 7 – Canned Beans	November 20 – Canned Sweet Potatoes
November 8 – Canned Tomatoes or Tomato Sauce	November 21 – Canned Sweet Corn
November 9 – Hot Chocolate Mix	November 22 – Canned Mixed Vegetables
November 10 – Powered, canned or shelf-safe milk	November 23 – Canned Fruit
November 11 – Heat and service rice	November 24 – Stuffing Mix
November 12 – Juice Boxes	November 25 – Packet or can of gravy

November 13 – Box of breakfast cereal

Fill boxes and paper bags of these items through the month as you shop, or add them to your regular Instacart or Shipt order. Plan ahead the last few days, so you can drop off the items in time to be distributed by Thanksgiving. The suggestion is to deliver them to The Fledge, 1300 Eureka or to the Greater Area Lansing Foodbank, but if you know of another food pantry close to you feel free to drop them off there.



A few hints for food donations:

Please NO GLASS. NO PERISHABLE ITEMS

Choose easy to open cans with pull tabs. Do not assume any cooking skills.

Choose items a teenager or pre-teen can cook for working parents.

Or someone living in a car or camper can cook. Do not assume there are any additional ingredients.

Imagine otherwise empty cupboards.

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