



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
FOOD BANK

Harvest  
for the  
Hungry

Oct. 1-31, 2023



# Food & Funds Drive Toolkit

OCTOBER 1-31, 2023





September 5, 2023

Hello Anne Arundel County Principals and School Food Drive Coordinators!

The 36th Annual Harvest for the Hungry: Kids Helping Kids Food & Funds Drive kicks off on October 1 and continues through Tuesday, October 31. We hope your school will participate in this year's drive and help raise funds and food to donate to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank!

Year after year, Harvest for the Hungry: Kids Helping Kids remains our largest food and funds drive of the year and helps make sure our Anne Arundel County neighbors in need have enough food to eat.

Your help supports many of our programs, including food pantries, baby and senior pantries, our new Mobile Food Pantry, and the Backpack Buddies Program with Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Collectively our pantries average 48,000 visits each month. Because of your support, last fiscal year we were able to distribute more than 3.4 million pounds of food throughout Anne Arundel County!

We look forward to working together this year to alleviate food insecurity in Anne Arundel County. The Harvest for the Hungry: Kids Helping Kids Information Toolkit has great ideas for food and funds drives. If you have any questions about the Harvest for the Hungry food and funds drive, please contact AACPS Family Involvement Specialist Cynthia Bischoff (301-615-2325, [cbischoff@aacps.org](mailto:cbischoff@aacps.org)). For questions about food donation pick-ups, contact AACFB Logistics Manager Marta Jones at [marta@aafoodbank.org](mailto:marta@aafoodbank.org) or call her at 410-923-4255.

Sincerely,

Leah Paley  
Chief Executive Officer  
Anne Arundel County Food Bank

Please complete the  
online participation form  
by September 22:  
[www.aafoodbank.org/kids](http://www.aafoodbank.org/kids)

**aafoodbank.org**

*Feeding Anne Arundel Since 1986*



# WHAT IS THE HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY: KIDS HELPING KIDS CAMPAIGN?

For the past 36 years, this anti-hunger campaign has mobilized students in Anne Arundel County Public Schools to raise food and funds. Participation in the program teaches children valuable lessons about hunger, engages them in giving, and shows them they have the power to make a difference in their community.



**THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 1-31.**



# Your dollars in action!

**MONEY YOU RAISE HELPS THE MANY INITIATIVES OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FOOD BANK...**

### ...like the Backpack Buddies Program!

Each weekend and on holidays during the school year, a bag full of nutritious food is given to students receiving Free and Reduced Meals at 31 Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Each bag contains six meals and two snacks that fit perfectly into a child's backpack.



### ...and our new Mobile Food Pantry!

Many Anne Arundel households live in areas where transportation and shopping choices are limited. The mobile food pantry gives the food bank the ability to reach out to these neighbors directly, delivering fresh produce, frozen lean meat, and shelf-stable items.



### MAKE A DONATION:

Donate online through the Education Foundation of Anne Arundel County Public Schools:

[aacps.org/harvest](http://aacps.org/harvest)



Checks can be made payable to the Education Foundation of AACPS. Write "H4H" and the name of your school on the memo line. Send checks to:

Leathia Fletcher  
AACPS Central Office  
2644 Riva Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401



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## FOOD DRIVE IDEAS



### STUFF-A-BUS!

Set a goal to fill an area full of food (a car, box, room, bus, etc...).



### FOOD DONOR WALL

Take pictures of every student who donates five pounds or more. Put all pictures up in a prominent location.

### HOT OFF THE PRESSES

Include information in the school newsletter, newspaper, and website.

Wondering what food to donate? We're looking for shelf-stable items, especially those high in fiber and low in sodium and sugar.

- Canned proteins, such as tuna, salmon, and chicken
- Canned meals, stews, and soups
- Peanut butter and jelly (plastic jars)
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Whole-grain hot and cold cereal
- 1 lb. bags of rice
- 1 lb. bags of dry beans and legumes (pinto, black, lentils)
- Baby formula and food
- Nutritional supplements for adults (Ensure, Boost)
- Healthy snacks (breakfast bars, nuts, and dried fruit)

*Glass jars often break. Please select items in plastic containers. Donate canned good less than 28 oz. and other items at 1 pound or less.*

Collecting  
Food



### SOCIAL BUZZ

Promote the food drive through your school's social media channels.



### CLASS COMPETITION

Create excitement around the food collection with competition among classes and a prize for the winner.

### PARTNERSHIPS

Involve your parent-teacher association, student government, and other service clubs.