



FOOD DRIVE TOOL KIT

This tool kit provides you with all the tools to organize a successful drive for the clients served through Jewish Family & Children's Service programs.

Thank you for your support!



ABOUT US

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Getting Started in Organizing a Successful Food Drive

This tool kit will help you in organizing a food drive. We are here to assist you in making this a successful and fulfilling experience.

1. **Contact** our Volunteer Coordinator at (602) 567-8383 or Lisa.Blumstein@jfcsaz.org to get started.
2. **Reach out to individuals or groups** that can help with the food drive. Friends, neighbors, family, co-workers, clubs, synagogues or churches are a great place to start.
3. **Set a goal** to decide how many items or how much money you would like to collect.
4. **Promote** your food drive with posters and flyers and through social media and community newsletters. See samples in this tool kit for some ideas.
5. **Drop off** donated food items at the mutually agreed upon JFCS facility: Real World Job Development Center, one of our behavioral healthcare centers or administrative/program offices.

The concept of *Just 3 Things* is to make it easy and affordable to donate food. We encourage people to donate at least 3 nonperishable, microwavable food items.

See the sample flyer in this tool kit for suggested food items

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I get started in organizing a food drive?

Please contact JFCS volunteer coordinator at (602) 567-8383 or Lisa.Blumstein@jfcsaz.org so we can schedule your food drive and provide all the support you may need.

Does JFCS provide collection boxes for the food drive?

While JFCS does have a few permanent collection boxes strategically located in the Valley, we do not provide them for individual and group food drives. Cardboard boxes are available at UHaul or hardware stores. We encourage you to use the templates provided in this toolkit for your donation boxes.

Can donors get a receipt for their food donations?

Yes, we can provide receipts for you to give to the donors if they request one.

Where and when can I drop off the food donations?

Donations can be dropped off at the mutually agreed upon JFCS facility during our business hours: Monday - Friday from 9am-5pm.

Can JFCS send a speaker to my group?

Yes, JFCS is happy to have a speaker give a presentation about the *Just 3 Things* food pantry program as well as speak on other interesting JFCS topics.





SAMPLE EMAIL/NEWSLETTER ARTICLE:

Food Donations Needed

Please join us in our upcoming food drive to support Jewish Family & Children's Service's *Just 3 Things* program by donating 3 nonperishable, microwavable food items to stock their food pantry.

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We are collecting such food donations as:

- Prepackaged dinners
- Microwavable macaroni and cheese
- Chili
- Meat or cheese ravioli
- Microwavable soup
- Canned meats and chicken
- Tuna fish
- Spaghetti-O's
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Snack foods such as trail mix, dried fruit, granola bars and crackers

Also needed: Toiletries, backpacks, feminine hygiene products, and diapers

Bring donations to our collections boxes located at _____. Our food drive coordinator is _____ and can be reached at _____.

JFCS is a qualifying organization for the AZ Charitable tax credit, for more information about JFCS or to make a monetary contribution, visit jfcsaz.org.



SAMPLE OUTREACH OR MISSION SPEECH:

Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is _____ and I am _____ (a student or parent in this school, one of your co-workers, member of this organization/congregation, etc.) I am here to talk with you about how you can make a difference in the lives of individuals and families struggling with hunger in our community.

I am organizing a food drive to collect nonperishable food items for Jewish Family & Children's Service's *Just 3 Things* food pantry.

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You can help stock the *Just 3 Things* food pantry by bringing in 3 nonperishable food items. We are collecting the food now through _____. You can drop off your donations at the collections boxes located _____.

Thank you for your time and for helping alleviate hunger in our community.



Just 3 Things, a project of the JFCS's Real World Job Development program provides food for youth transitioning out of the foster care system. At our Real World, these young adults learn basic independent living skills in order to live successfully on their own once they turn 18. Hunger and food are often pressing daily issues for them as they struggle to find jobs, obtain their GED, make homes for themselves, and take positive steps forward.



SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS:

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Prepackaged dinners
- Chili
- Meat or cheese ravioli
- Microwavable Soup
- Canned Meats
- Spaghetti-O's
- Canned Fruit and Vegetables
- Snack Foods: Trail Mix, Granola Bars, Crackers, Dried Fruit
- Cereal
- Tuna Fish

Also needed: Toiletries, Backpacks, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers

Please join us in stocking the food pantry by donating just 3 nonperishable, microwavable food items.



Food Drive Dates: _____ **to** _____

Location: _____

Coordinator Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ **Email:** _____

Please fill in the blanks regarding your next food drive with the Just Three Things Food Pantry

DONATION DRIVE

*Supporting Jewish Family & Children's Service
Just Three Things Food Pantry*



**ITEMS
COLLECTED
HERE**