



# Food Box Program

## 5 Easy Steps to Help Struggling Families

One very important way that you and/or your organization can help families who are struggling in our community is by participating in Camillus House's *'Food Box Program'*. Camillus gives away approximately 40 food boxes each week to families in need and with demand for this service increasing your support can make big difference. Organizing a food drive at your school, business, or other organization can be fun and will make a huge difference to those in need. Here's how it works:

### A Typical Food Box Contains:

Soup	4 cans	Ravioli (15 oz.)	3 cans
Dry Mashed Potatoes	1 can/box	Gravy	1 jar
Crackers	1 box	Cereal	1 box
Sardines	2 cans	Dry Pasta	1 box
Vienna Sausages	4 cans	Spaghetti Sauce	1 jar
Tuna	2 cans	Ice Tea	5 bottles
Corn (15 oz.)	4 cans	Cookies	1 box
Mixed Vegetables (15 oz.)	4 cans		

## How to Organize a Food Drive

### Step 1: Specify!

We recommend that you be as focused as possible, as it makes your drive both easier to organize and generally much more successful. You might even want to consider adding a unique twist to your drive by getting super specific with what you're collecting. For instance, instead of a general food drive you might ask for dry mashed potatoes and gravy or make it a canned food drive. But of course, accept anything that comes in as we can probably use it!



### Step 2: Publicize!

Start publicizing early to make sure everyone knows about the drive. Try using flyers, announcements in your newsletter, personal notes and reminders, and simple word-of-mouth to let everyone know the what, when, where and why of your drive.

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## Step 3: Inform!

Remember that the success of a collections drive is measured not only in the number of cans dropped off at our door but also by how many people have been reminded or have even gained a new awareness of Camillus House and those we serve. Be sure to include background information on Camillus House in your publicity and consider leaving a few of our brochures at the drop box for people to take.

## Step 4: Collect!

Any large, sturdy box works well for collecting, storing, and transporting the donations. If you don't have one around try looking behind your local grocery store. Plain brown cardboard boxes are pretty boring but a few decorations can grab the attention of those passing by and give them a final reminder that your drive has begun. Of course, even a box with flashing neon lights won't attract much attention sitting in a dark corner, so be sure to place yours in a central and visible high traffic area. Now just sit back and watch the donations pile in!



## Step 5: Drop it Off!

Don't forget to arrange a means of getting all the stuff you've collected over to us when the drive is over. Donations should be dropped off at our warehouse at 2020 NW 23rd Street, Monday-Friday between the hours of 8AM and 4PM when Camillus representatives are available to assist you. If you're having trouble with a particularly large donation, call us and we'll schedule our driver to pick it up. However, if possible, we suggest that you bring some of your group down one afternoon to serve a meal to our guests and get a firsthand look at how your donations are put to use. It's a truly enlightening experience that is sure to make a lasting memory for years to come.

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## Contact Information:

To get started, call Ed Boland at 305-374-1065, ext. 438 or email at [edwardb@camillus.org](mailto:edwardb@camillus.org).

## Delivery & Pick-up Information:

Donations should be dropped off at our warehouse at 2020 NW 23rd Street, Monday—Friday between 8AM and 4PM, or at our downtown shelter at 726 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, between 7am to 7pm.

To schedule a pick up of larger donations, call Bob Lozada at 305-374-1065, 402 or email at [lozadab@camillus.org](mailto:lozadab@camillus.org).



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