



# Inter Parish Ministry

Feeding Families.  
Nourishing Souls.

# Collection Drive Kit

A guide to collection items for IPM's Choice Food and Clothing Pantry



**Thank you for your interest in hosting a collection drive for Inter Parish Ministry! Whether you are collecting canned foods, personal care items or other seasonal items, your support is greatly appreciated.**

**This packet has been developed to provide you with useful tips and information to ensure your collection drive is smooth and successful.**

**Why host a collection drive? Families living in your community often lack access to affordable nutritious food. In fact, one in six children in counties served by IPM (Eastern Hamilton, Clermont and Western Brown County) is at risk of food insecurity.**

**You have the power to make a difference!**

## Hunger Facts

Food in-se-cu-ri-ty  
[food insecurity]

NOUN -

The state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable nutritious food.



Every day more than 800 million people live with hunger or food insecurity.



Food insecurity exists in every county in America, but Ohio's food insecurity rate is one of the highest in the country at 16%.



# Getting Started

## 1. Contact IPM

The first step is to contact IPM. Contact Jess Hartley at Jess@interparish.org or by calling (513) 561-3932.

## 2. Plan and Prepare

Each Collection Drive can be customized to fit your organization no matter the size, interests or abilities. Anyone can host a collection drive!

- **Select a theme**

Protein Power, Breakfast, Hearty Soups, Healthy Snacks and Spring Cleaning are just a few suggestions. IPM can help with this!

- **Set a Goal**

Give your organization a goal to work toward: number of cans or number of pounds OR create teams and make things competitive!

- **Pick a Date**

Make sure to give participants enough time to plan and collect donations. However you don't want to make it too long. 2-3 weeks is optimal.

## 3. Promote

Spread the word! The more people who hear about your drive, the more you collect! IPM can help with marketing ideas and provide access to logos and poster designs. Tagging IPM in any Facebook or Instagram post is critical so we can help spread the word!

## 4. Deliver to IPM

After your drive is completed you can drop your donations off at IPM's Newtown or Amelia locations. If you need assistance, simply call IPM to arrange a pick up. IPM will weigh all donations so you can report how much your organization collected. If having a competition, be sure to label each bin so we can weigh them separately. **Don't forget to thank everyone who participated in your drive!**

# ABOUT IPM

Since 1964, Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) has been helping families in need. The organization began when members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church started a nursery school and outreach program to help families living in the stilt homes along the Little Miami River. IPM is now supported by over 40 churches from nine denominations as well as businesses, individuals, schools and community groups. In addition, IPM collaborates with the FreeStore FoodBank, Clermont County Safety Net Alliance, OSU Extension Clermont County and other agencies. All work together to provide basic needs and food resources to families and seniors who live in eastern Hamilton, western Brown and Clermont counties in Ohio.

IPM has Choice Food and Clothing Pantries in Newtown and Amelia, Ohio. The Amelia pantry opened in 2016, offering better access to residents of Clermont County. In addition to the Choice Food and Clothing Pantries, IPM also offers Mobile Pantries, Community Gardens, Summer Picnics, Back-to-School Backpacks & Supplies, Holiday Programs, Cooking Classes and Emergency Assistance. IPM serves more than 4,400 families each year.

IPM's mission is to provide food, clothing and other communal support to those in need and to empower clients with information, support and services to improve their lives.

# IPM FACTS

26,752 pounds of food is provided to families each month.



28,000 individuals are served each year, over 700 households each month.



Over 14,000 volunteer hours are donated each year.



Over 150,000 lbs. of food is rescued each year and redistributed to families in need.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **When is the best time of year for a collection drive?**

Anytime! Collection drives are a great year-round activity. However IPM's need for food is the highest in July, August and September.

## **Which items do we need the most?**

IPM is grateful for any and all donations, but some items that are always in demand are:

- PB&J
- Canned Meat
- Canned Pineapple
- Paper Towels
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Beans
- Shampoo and Conditioner

## **Are there items that we CAN NOT accept?**

- Expired items
- Food without a label
- Open or partially used items
- Medication
- Baby formula
- Food canned at home

## **Can someone from IPM come to my school, organization or workplace and speak?**

Yes! IPM staff or volunteers would love to speak to your organization about the impact your support has on our community!

## **Can money be donated instead of items?**

Yes! Monetary donations typically yield more food for IPM since we are able to purchase food at a deeply discounted rate through food banks such as Freestore Foodbank. Generally \$1.00 = 2 lbs. of food.

## **What is the best way to make a monetary donation?**

The easiest way to donate is online at [www.interparish.org](http://www.interparish.org). Simply click on the "Donate Now" button in the upper right corner. Be sure to enter the name of the food drive and the group you are representing.

## **What does IPM provide?**

IPM will provide everything to help you get started, including posters, flyers, pantry critical needs lists, social media support and thank you templates. Also, IPM can provide a 200 pound, 40 gallon collection bin with IPM's logo, however you are also free to use your own bin.

## **Additional questions?**

Contact Jess at IPM by calling (513) 561-3932 or by email at [jess@interparish.org](mailto:jess@interparish.org). IPM looks forward to assisting you with your collection drive. Thank you!

# FOOD DRIVE

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A MONTH A DAY, A YEAR



A TIME AM - A TIME PM

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# HYGIENE DRIVE



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