



**MID-NORTH
FOOD PANTRY**

Youth

ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT



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Your FEEDING FAMILIES



Thank you for helping Mid-North Food Pantry!

By hosting a fundraiser or leading a volunteer project, you are helping families in our community put food on the table. Every dollar raised and every act of service makes it possible for us to fight hunger and share kindness with our neighbors. We simply couldn't do this work without you.

There are so many creative ways you can get involved. This toolkit includes a few ideas to get you started, but the possibilities are endless. From bake sales to supply drives, car washes to social media challenges, you have the power to make a difference.

We are truly grateful for your energy, compassion, and commitment. Thank you for caring for your community and for standing with Mid-North Food Pantry. Together, we can make sure no neighbor goes hungry.



Our MISSION

To enhance the health of our neighbors by providing supplemental food and basic necessities for our neighbors in need. We provide free, healthy food to individuals and families in our community, giving them the support and dignity they deserve.

Our SERVICES

Free Food: We provide free, healthy groceries so families don't go hungry.

Community Garden: Our garden grows fresh produce for the pantry and teaches neighbors how to grow their own food.

Health Clinic: We host a community health clinic and connect families with resources to support their overall well-being.

Toiletries Closet: We offer essential items like soap, toothpaste, and hygiene supplies that aren't covered by food stamps.

Wraparound Services: We bring in community partners to share information and resources so neighbors can access the support they need beyond food.

Guidelines for PARTNERSHIP

We want you to have success.
Here are some guidelines:

SUPERVISION

An adult will need to oversee your fundraising and volunteer initiatives. Please be sure to share with the adult in charge your plans and ideas.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We love when you share with others the great work you are doing. Please tag Mid-North Food Pantry in any social media posts. Anything shared on social media with us tagged could be shared on our social media pages,



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STAFF

We do our best to accommodate your requests for us to do a presentation or bring a staff/volunteers to your event or to visit your school or program. However, we cannot guarantee we be available due to our limited resources. Please contact Kelsey at kburton@midnorthfoodpantry.org to discuss our availability.

Fundraising IDEAS

Listed below are a few ideas for fundraisers. We are always open to hear what ideas you have and add them to our list.



HOST AN EVENT

There are so many ideas for an event. Some of these include a bake sale, lemonade stand, hot chocolate stand, garage sale, wrap holiday gifts, car wash, food drive, toiletries drive, Dine & Donate events at local restaurants, and more!



SOCIAL MEDIA FUNDRAISERS

Many social media platforms have options for doing fundraisers for us. Ask for our social media toolkit if you need help setting up a fundraiser on the platforms.



START A COMPETITION

See which classroom or grade can raise more money. One way to do this is to host Penny Wars or see who collects the most funds from Jeans Days or other dress-up days.



ASK YOUR FRIENDS/FAMILY/NEIGHBORS

Asking people you know is one of the best ways to fundraise. Let people know about what you're doing and ask them to support your efforts!

Other Ways TO HELP

While monetary donations have the biggest impact, we know youth groups like to do service projects as well. Below is a list of some ideas for these projects.

Projects with Purpose

Are you creative? Do you want to learn a new skill? Let's get creative!

- Notes for Neighbors – write kind notes of encouragement or holiday cards to include with pantry groceries.
- Cans for Care – organize a canned food drive to stock the shelves.
- Bags of Kindness – decorate and fill grocery bags with food or toiletries.
- Snack Pack Attack – collect snack items for kids and families who attend our Health Clinic.
- Warm Words Wednesday – youth create cards with positive messages for pantry shoppers.
- Toiletries for Tomorrow – gather hygiene items for the toiletries closet.
- Seeds of Support – help plant, water, or harvest in the community garden.
- Health Helpers – volunteer with or support the pantry's health clinic.
- Share the Shelf – host a food collection at school, church, or sports team.
- Kindness Kits – assemble meal kits, birthday bags, or care packages for families.

