



FOOD & DONATION DRIVE FAQs

- **Why do you call it a Food & Donation Drive?** We wanted to be more inclusive to incorporate all the items that have become essential to the families and individuals who receive assistance.
- **Are there any age limits to hosting a drive?** No, anyone can participate provided there is a supervising adult for all participants under 18 years of age.
- **Can we accept all types of food items if people offer?** Yes, all regular food items as well as gluten free, peanut free, sugar free and low sodium will go on the shelves of our pantry. All donated items will be carefully reviewed before going on our shelves.
- **What do we do if we do not feel comfortable collecting food from others?** You are welcome to make a personal food donation to be dropped off at our collection bin in front of the 10 Franklin Street Food Pantry.
- **Can we accept money?** We recommend that all monetary donations be placed in an envelope along with the donor's name, address, email and phone number, so we can properly acknowledge their donation. Donations can be given to a Food Pantry staff or volunteer during regular hours or mailed to Franklin Community Center, 95 Washington St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.
- **Can we encourage online monetary donations?** You can direct others to donate through our secure webpage at <https://www.franklincommunitycenter.org/waystogive/donate>
- **Can we accept non-food items?** Yes, we accept hygiene and cleaning products, baby wipes and diapers and cat/dog food.
- **Can we sort our food collection for you?** Yes, you can help us. Sort the items into the following separate bags – non-gluten free and non-peanut free items, items past 6-month expiration, hygiene items, cleaning products and items that have a short-shelf life. Our volunteers will double check that all donations are safe for distribution.
- **What do we do if someone wants to become a Food Pantry client?** Please encourage the individual to reach out to us through our website at www.franklincommunitycenter.org or by phone at 518-587-9826.
- **Who do I contact if I have additional questions?** The best way to reach us regarding Food & Donation Drives is through our info@franklincommunitycenter.org email address. You can also call us 518-587-9826 and ask for John or Mary Beth.