

Thanks for Giving 2009

THANKS FOR GIVING 2009 SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

The Center for Family Resources (CFR), in partnership with the Cobb County Department of Family and Children Services, has been providing Thanksgiving baskets to families in need in Cobb County for more than 20 years. In 2008, CFR provided Thanksgiving baskets to 1,370 families. As families prepare for a holiday with loved ones surrounding a Thanksgiving feast, many of our Cobb neighbors must stretch their budgets, making it difficult to afford a Thanksgiving meal for their families. CFR is working to preserve family traditions and treasured time together by providing everything each family needs to enjoy a meal at home together.

CFR has seen 30 percent increase in need and has set a goal to provide baskets to 1,500 families!

Please sponsor the Thanks for Giving 2009 program or host a food drive at your company, congregation, etc. If you are interested in sponsoring a food drive, here's a list of items we will use to fill baskets for families:

- \$15 gift certificate from a local grocer for a turkey*
- Dressing mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned or instant potatoes (sweet or white)
- Canned green vegetables
- Canned yellow vegetables
- Non-refrigerated pie shell and pumpkin pie mix
- Dried or canned milk
- Roasting Pan

In addition to these items, we also welcome the following items:

- Dried beans
- Peanut butter
- Canned meat, tuna, or ham
- Rice, pasta, or cereal
- Soup
- Bread or rolls
- Canned fruit



*Please do not place gift certificate in basket.

*We cannot accept items that require refrigeration (i.e. turkeys, milk, etc.)

For more information on sponsorships, volunteering or food drives, contact Jennifer Cain at (770) 428-2601 or at JenniferCain@TheCFR.org.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BOUNTIFUL BENEFACTOR - \$5,000

- Recognition on CFR website
- Inclusion in CFR Newsletter
- Recognition in Pre-Event Ad in Marietta Daily Journal
- Recognition in Post-Event Ad in Marietta Daily Journal
- Recognition as sponsor on event banners

PLENTIFUL PROVIDER - \$1,500

- Recognition on CFR website
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HELPFUL HARVESTER - \$500

- Recognition on CFR website
- Inclusion in CFR Newsletter
- Recognition in Post-Event Ad in Marietta Daily Journal

* Please make checks payable to
The Center for Family Resources

IMPORTANT DATES:

Registration Dates for Families:
Tues. Oct. 20 and Wed. Oct. 21, 2009
Cobb County Civic Center

Food Drive Drop-Off Dates:
Sat. Nov. 14 @ CFR 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 23 @ Civic Center 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Food Basket Distribution:
Mon. Nov. 23 and Tues. Nov. 24, 2009
Cobb County Civic Center
(By Appointment Only)



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In Good Company

CFR would like to recognize some of our food drives from Thanks for Giving 2008.

22Squared
CH2M Hill, Inc.
Cobb County Republican Women's Club
Congregation Etz Chaim Sisterhood
Croy Engineering, LLC
East Cobb Moms
Flagstar Bank
Futren Corporation
GE Energy
Girl Scout Troop #2544
Heartwood Homeowner's Association
InfoMart
Mactec
OCI Chemical Corporation
Repro Products
Walton Communities

2008 Sponsors

Great Gatherer

Lockheed Martin
Turner Construction & Subcontractors

Bountiful Benefactor

Cobb County Civic Center
Marietta Daily Journal

Plentiful Provider

Audrey Bender	Georgia Power
Butch Thompon Enterprises	Madelyn Merle
The Color Spot	Radio Disney
James Dalton	Repro Products
Keith Davidson	Republic Services of Georgia
Davis Elementary School	Solvay Pharmaceuticals
Genuine Parts	UPS
	Vinings Rotary Club

Helpful Harvester

Advantage Office Solutions	Russell Fitzgerald
Alan Cox Automotive	Great Lakes West
ARCADIS	Pam Hickox
Angie Bolton	J.D.'s Barbeque
Chatfield Contracting, Inc.	Kaiser Permanente
Compass Display Group	Kroger
Creamer-Pearce	Karen Morris
C.W. Matthews	OCI Chemical
D & H Construction	PBS&J
E. Smith Heating and Air	Publix
Eastminster Church of Marietta	Tri-State Utility Products, Inc.
	Wild Wing Cafe

HOSTING A THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Food drives can be organized for a variety of different groups including your company, school, church or social group. There are many different ways to generate interest and participation. See below for some "Turkey Tips" for planning and hosting a successful food drive.

- **Competition Is Healthy for the Feast!** Encourage several departments, grade levels, or teams to participate with recognition given for the winning team. Winners can be determined by number of cans donated, points earned per can, etc.
- **An Informed Pilgrim Is A Happy Pilgrim!** In order to provide consistent baskets to all families, please provide the full list of requested items to all participants.
- **One Big Happy Family!** Instead of hosting a competition, assign each department, grade level, or team a specific item from the list.
- **Be the Host!** Invite everyone to a food drive kick-off celebration breakfast or luncheon to introduce your participants to CFR and generate excitement. Call us if you would like for a CFR representative to attend your event.
- **Let Them Have Seconds!** Let your participants add their own creativity to the food drive. They could decorate boxes, create Thanksgiving cards or even deliver in turkey suits!
- **Easy as Pumpkin Pie!** Keep a running list of the number of items received. This will make it easier on you and your group to announce a winner if you are hosting a competition. It will also allow the staff at CFR to announce our largest food drive hosts after the event.
- **Harvesting the Crop!** Recruit volunteers to assist you pack and deliver items on one of the listed Drop-Off Dates.
- **Giving Thanks!** Celebrate your success. Be sure to share the total number of items collected with your team.

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