



Together, we feed our community.

Interested in hosting a food drive to benefit one of our 20 member pantries? Please read these tips first, to make the most impact:

- Call 862.250.5216 or email info@mendnj.org to let us know you would like to host a food drive, where you live, and your preferred timing. This allows us to “match” you with a MEND pantry, and provide you with a list of the pantry’s most-needed items.
- Our goal is to provide greater access to healthy foods, so please opt for low-sugar, low-salt, nutritious foods. Our donation guidelines provide many suggestions.
- If you’d like to donate perishables, please let us know, so we can identify pantries that work with your anticipated delivery schedule and/or have sufficient refrigeration space.
- Collecting large quantities of a few items is better than small quantities of several different items.
- Uniformly-sized items are preferred.
- Glass containers are not preferred. They break, and are heavy.
- Before you deliver food to the pantry, please:
 - Sort it by type of food (e.g., all cereal, all beans, etc.);
 - Toss anything that is open; and
 - Toss anything that is expired.
- Please coordinate delivery with the pantry ahead of time, so that they can plan for space and volunteers to sort and shelve the donated food. Better yet - bring a few friends with you to sort and shelve the food!