

February 01, 2020

Dear Valued Community Member,

We are asking for your partnership in the **9th Annual Hancock County Food Drive**, a collaborative project that is aiming to raise **\$30,000** for local food pantries, free meal sites, and school backpack programs that collectively serve thousands of our community members each month.

According to Kids Count Data Center, 1 in 5 children in Hancock County are food insecure. Research shows that food insecurity “can have lifelong impacts on children's physical health, mental health and earning potential. Chronic food insecurity causes stress among children that alters their normal brain development” (Kids Count). By supporting this important cause, you are helping to ensure that all families in our community have access to healthy, affordable food.

As a Hancock County Food Drive Sponsor, 100% of your donation goes toward feeding people in need. Formal recognition of your contribution will be promoted through our social media platforms, in press releases, and on the Healthy Acadia website. Gifts of \$50 or more will receive an official Food Drive emblem.

*To become an official Food Drive Sponsor, choose one or more of the following options:*

- **Make a donation of \$50.00 or greater to the Hancock County Food Drive**
  - Please make checks payable to United Way of Eastern Maine with “Hancock County Food Drive” in the memo line. Mail to: Healthy Acadia, 140 State Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605
- **Organize a fundraising event to benefit the Food Drive**
  - Past ideas include concerts, dinners, raffles, workshops, and more

#### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

<b>Full Table: \$500</b> Over a year's worth of nourishing meals for a child in need	<b>Hunger Helper: \$250</b> Nearly two months of groceries for a family of four	<b>Daily Bread: \$100</b> A hot community meal for 400 seniors	<b>Snack Station: \$50</b> Three months of healthy after-school snacks for 1 child
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*\*According to Good Shepherd Food Bank, for every \$1 you donate, a food pantry can purchase food for 4 meals.*

For more information on how you can join this effort, contact Rachel Emus at 207-667-7171 or [rachel@healthyacadia.org](mailto:rachel@healthyacadia.org).

Sincerely,  
Rachel Emus  
Food Programs Coordinator, Healthy Acadia

