

**LIVE LAUGH LOVE...PEOPLE**

**FOOD DRIVE  
PROJECT**



**Organizer's Guide**



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Do you love people? Does your heart go out to those in need?

At **LIVE LAUGH LOVE** we believe that loving others is the greatest thing you can do. Each day is an opportunity to sow a seed of love. The great news is there are things you can do right in your own community to share your heart to help other people and fill the world with a little more love.

Our **Food Drive Program** is a tangible way to do just that. It gives you a variety of ideas, both big and small, on how you can help others in need. Whether volunteering at a Soup Kitchen or executing a food donation drive, there is a chance for everyone to get involved. And it is a great opportunity for you, your friends, family and neighbors to build relationships and grow closer as a community.

Changing our world for the better can start right where you are. Even small gestures of love can make a big difference in someone's life. If you want to be a life-changer, then don't wait for tomorrow. Start today and you will find that in helping others have a better life, you will also improve your own!

**Love is a gift meant to be shared. So pass it on.**

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## Introduction

Do you like helping others? When you see someone in need does your heart go out to them? We can take for granted that we have a roof over our head and food on the table. But for some people, each day is a struggle to meet these basic needs to survive. Our help for the Hungry Program gives you some practical ways you can do your part to help. You can show love with words, but sometimes the more powerful way to love is through your actions. If you want to make a difference in the lives of others who are hurting than this project is for you.

## Special skills

If you have a loving heart and a willingness to share your time and energy to help those who are less fortunate, then you're a good fit for this project.

## Group size

The ideas for this project give you a chance to participate on your own, or to get a group of friends, family or neighbors together to do something big.

## Time Commitment

How much time you want to spend is entirely up to you. It depends on the way you want to get involved. Whatever you choose, just be sure you can follow through.

## All Over Benefits

Helping others who are struggling brings love and encouragement to their hearts and to yours. It's a win-win.

Love is an investment with dividends that last a lifetime.  
So live with a heart that loves others.

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## PROJECT GUIDE

### Step 1: Choose your level of involvement

We have put together a few options for you to help the hungry in your community so that you can get involved regardless of your schedule and other time commitments.

1. **Soup Kitchen:** A great way to make a difference when your time is very limited is to volunteer at a local Soup Kitchen. This is a meal center where food is offered to the hungry. They are sometimes staffed by church groups or other volunteer organizations. Offering to serve food one night a week to the needy in your community is a great way to help out and spread a little love.
2. **Food Drive:** Another way to get involved is to organize a food drive. This will require more of your time, but it is still something very do-able that you can get involved in and encourage others to join you.

### Step 2: Get Started...

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#### Option 1: Soup Kitchen

##### A. Choose a place

The easiest way to find a local soup kitchen is to search for one online. If there isn't one near you, then try the local food bank or food pantry. You may be able to volunteer in a number of ways including:

- Serving food to the hungry
- Repackaging donated food to give to needy families
- Clerical/phone work

Once you make the connection, you can find out what the needs are and how you will best be able to help. Remember, any time you can give will be welcome.

##### B. Pick the Day and Time

Choose a day and time that you know you can commit to.

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## Option 2: Food Drive

A food drive is one way to help fight hunger on a larger scale by collecting food donations and giving them to a local food bank.

### A. Partner with a local Food Bank

Go online and find a local food bank to work with.

- a. Have them tell you what food items they need.
- b. Agree to a target amount for donation and a time when the food will be delivered.
- c. Ask for directions to the food bank so that you can deliver the donated items once the drive is finished.

### B. Recruit volunteers to help

They can be friends, family, members of a club or class. This is a great opportunity for people in your neighborhood or community to get to know each other and unite for a common cause.

### C. Choose a time and places to collect donations

- a. You can execute your food drive through a variety of drop-off locations. Some suggestions include but aren't limited to:
  - i. Post office
  - ii. Community/Recreation Centers
  - iii. Churches/Places of Worship
  - iv. Grocery stores
  - v. Pharmacies
  - vi. Schools
  - vii. Clubs
  - viii. Libraries

Obtain permission from the appropriate authority, whether government or private owner, and set up the bins in areas that give you high visibility. This will encourage participation and build awareness of your food drive.

- b. Pick a time frame for the event.

This will depend upon how many volunteers you can recruit and how long you have permission from the government or local owners of the donation site.

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Ideally, you should allot two weeks for the drive with an additional few days to organize and distribute the collected food to the food pantry or food bank.

- c. The donation display should be clearly marked, eye-catching and located in a well-lit area that has a lot of foot traffic.

## D. Recruit volunteers

Choose a team of people to coordinate the food drive. You can contact local food businesses, churches, clubs, schools and service agencies to invite them to help out.

- a. You will need volunteers to help spread the word via:
  - i. Mass email
  - ii. Facebook and Twitter
  - iii. Local print advertising such as posters to hang in public areas and popular local stores
  - iv. Phone calls
  - v. Announcements at local township meetings
  - vi. Flyer mailings
  - vii. Word of mouth
- b. You will also need people to make and set up donation containers.
- c. Volunteers should also be assigned to monitor the donation containers and pick up and deliver food to the food bank whenever necessary.

## E. Set a goal for the food drive

By setting a goal you are giving people something to strive for. This encourages participation and gives everyone a sense of accomplishment when the objective is finally reached.

## F. Buy Supplies

You will need poster board, markers, boxes and decorations to create your donation bins. You will also need paper to make flyers and post ads.

## G. Deliver donations to the food bank.

Be sure to call and let them know you are coming and make sure there will be someone there to take the donations.

## Legal

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## Send an Event News Report Back to Live Laugh Love®

Congratulations! You are a leader and a change-maker and you should be proud. You've made a positive difference by implementing a Live Laugh Love project in your community. But it doesn't have to stop there. Your efforts can have even more of an impact. How? By sharing your story. Just tell us about it and we'll help you spread the news so others can be inspired to do the same.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Let us know more about you, what you have a heart for and what you've done to make a difference so we can share it with the entire Live Laugh Love Community!

It's easy. It's simple. Just send us an email or CD with some attachments.

- Pictures
- Copies of the sign-up sheets
- Some text
- What was done
- Who did it
- How many people did it
- Total time spent
- The number of people the project will likely benefit
- Why you did it
- A story if you like
- Anything else!

Feel free to add anything else you feel is important.

- What was the project?
- Why did you choose the project?
- What were your goals for the project? Were they met? (ex. Number of people helped, area of land that was cleared, the increased number of people that used the park once it was cleaned) was cleaned, etc.)
- Who worked on the project? (friends, family, scout troop, club group, etc.)  
How many people?

- How much time was involved?
- Were any news articles written about your event? Can you include them for us to share or send us a link where people can read about it?
- Did you get any support from your community or local government leaders?
- Do you plan on doing this project again later on or perhaps a different one?
- Was anyone inspired to do something similar because of your example?
- How did the community respond?
- What did you do to recruit volunteers?
- What did you learn from the experience?
- Pictures would be great to have so if you can, please include “before and after” photos. Then everyone really get an understanding of what you and your team were able to do.
- If you really want to get everyone’s attention, you can also write a short news article summarizing your event and its success. Hearing it from your perspective makes it that much more meaningful!

SO TAKE SOME TIME, SHARE YOUR HEART, AND HELP US MAKE THE WORLD A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE LAUGH LOVE.

Thanks!

*The LLL Team*

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