

First Baptist Community Food Pantry

8600 North College, Indianapolis, IN 46240

317-846-5821 (and any other contact info)

Donation Guidelines

OVERVIEW

We serve people in the Nora Community with a need for food, without requiring proof of income. We are currently providing them choice from a paper menu that is filled inside the pantry by shoppers, and returned outside and placed in the client's car.

1. Our pantry is typically open the last Tuesday of the month from 4-6 p.m.
2. Our next pantry dates are November 30 and December 21 (note change for holiday).

SPECIAL REQUESTED ITEMS

Many of our clients receive Food stamps (now called SNAP) or other government aid programs. However, those programs often do not allow for purchases of paper goods or hygiene items. Providing these critical items is a huge help to our clients. We are having special drives for these items over the next few months, and would like to begin offering them every month to clients, depending on the quantity received. **Because stores are having limits on some of these, we cannot purchase in bulk, so every individual donation is critical.** Having consistent sizes helps minimize issues in distribution..

1. **TOILET PAPER** - preferred in four roll packages or individually wrapped rolls. GOAL: 100 rolls by Dec 20.
2. **LAUNDRY DETERGENT** - regular or HE; liquid, powder or pods. 30-60 load size. GOAL: 50 items by Jan 20
3. Women's sanitary items - GOAL: 30 items each month
4. Routine hygiene items - shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand soap (bar or pump), shower gel.

REGULAR FOOD ITEMS

We can bulk purchase several items at cost less than retail groceries, but some items are not available to us through those suppliers, or have purchase limits. These items are particularly popular with clients. Because we are offering choice from a menu, we need to be sure to have enough quantities of items listed so we don't disappoint clients choosing those items.

Bakery, fresh produce or items close to their best by date are difficult for us to handle given our monthly distribution and paper menu, so we request that those be donated to a pantry with the ability to get those to clients more quickly than we can.

These items would be particularly helpful (2 dozen of each a month):

1. CANNED PINEAPPLE
2. REFRIED BEANS
3. CANNED POTATOES
4. CANNED CARROTS
5. READY TO EAT SOUP

HOLIDAY FOOD OFFERING

We would like to offer clients a special treat at the DECEMBER pantry. Produce would need to be purchased close to and delivered NO LATER THAN DEC 20 so it could be sorted, divided and bagged.

1. ONE POUND CANNED HAMS - GOAL 50
2. ORANGES or TANGELOS
3. APPLES
4. COMPLETE PANCAKE MIX (Just add water) and SYRUP - GOAL 50 sets

Thank you

On behalf of our clients, we thank you for considering ways you can help make our neighbors' lives a little better.

Cash donations may be made by check made out to First Baptist Church with Food Pantry in the comment or online by <https://onrealm.org/FirstBaptistChu13707/-/form/give/now> (use the drop down box and go to Food Pantry).

If you would like to assist with any upcoming pantry or would like to sponsor a special give away please contact us at <mailto:information@fbcindy.org>.