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Hunterdon County Commissioners Announce Food Drive As Part of National Canned Food Month

In recognition of National Canned Food Month, Hunterdon County employees have launched a canned food drive to collect needed items at various County-owned properties through February 21, 2023.

Commissioner Director Zach Rich stated, "Addressing hunger is important policy matter especially in light of rising food prices and the continual fallout from the pandemic and its disruption of global food supply chains. I am grateful for the staff for taking the initiative and organizing this important event."

All items collected during the food drive will be donated to the Flemington Area Food Drive. Individuals looking to make a donation can find drop off boxes will be located the North Branch County Library (65 Halstead St, Clinton, NJ 08809); Main Branch Library (314 NJ-12, Flemington, NJ 08822); the Hunterdon County Administration Building (71 Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822); and at Building #1 at the Route 12 Complex (314 NJ-12, Flemington, NJ 08822).

The Hunterdon County Commissioners have made significant investments in addressing hunger throughout the County including dedicating a significant amount of funds received from The American Rescue Plan toward this issue. This includes individual grant awards to both America's Grow A Row for \$144,000 and the Flemington Area Food Pantry for \$77,851.

Commissioner Director Rich added, "The grant funds awarded to America's Grow A Row and Flemington Area Food Pantry will increase the volume and availability of local grown fresh fruits and vegetables as well as help to support the infrastructure needed to meet increased demand."

Below is a listing of items in high demand from the Flemington Area Food Pantry:

Pancake mix Oatmeal

Vanilla cake mix Tuna fish (canned goods)

Cake frosting Coffee
Syrup Tea
Biscuit mix Ketchup

Cereal (non-sweetened preferred) Mustard

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Canned fruit cocktail

Canned sliced pineapple

Applesauce

Canned peaches

Yams (sweet potatoes)

Deodorant

Shampoo

Toothpaste

Grape jelly (plastic containers)

Pasta sauce

Toilet paper

Laundry detergent

Food store gift cards