

SCHOOL COMPETITION



INFORMATION



CAN DO Community Challenge - At A Glance

Who: You!

What: Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry's annual spring food drive. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 and 10,000 in food donations AND all donations will be matched up to \$25,000 thanks to the Challenge Corp—a group of local philanthropists.

When: April 1st to April 30th

Why: The CAN DO Community Challenge is intended to heighten awareness about food insecurity and encourage the community to take action during the spring when donations to the Food Pantry are typically the lowest.

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About Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry

Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry has been providing hunger-relief services to the community for 40 years. Last year we served nearly 14,000 families, comprised of 44,000 individuals, from 13 zip codes across Cook County including portions of Chicago and its near-west suburbs. Going beyond providing emergency allotments of food, the Food Pantry also provides vital programming including help connecting to income support benefits, home delivery for home-bound adults, nutrition education, on-site health screenings and cooking classes.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED:



SCHOOLS

JOIN THE SCHOOL
COMPETITION



INDIVIDUALS

DONATE & RAISE
AWARENESS



GROUPS

HOLD A FOOD
DRIVE

CAN DO SCHOOL COMPETITION

Will your school be next to take home the CAN DO Challenge Trophy?

Starting April 1st, schools can begin collecting donations for the food drive. You can continue collecting until April 30th, but all donations must be dropped off to the Food Pantry by Friday, May 3rd.

Points:

There are 3 ways for you to participate in this challenge: raising money, collecting non-perishable food items, and volunteering. The following page (which can be used as a poster in your school) explains how the points are awarded. Please note that some points are intended to prioritize big-impact involvement with the Food Pantry.

New this year:

We have a new fundraising platform that will allow each school to create an online “team page” to share with family, friends, and community members. It’s a multi-tiered platform, so even individual classrooms can join and keep track of their room’s progress along with the school. More details are included in this packet.

Food Pantry speaker:

We’d love to pay your school a visit, if you’d have us! A major part of this campaign is raising awareness that hunger is even an issue. Food Pantry staff are available most Monday and Friday afternoons to come speak to your class, school, or service group about hunger in our community and how that translates to the work we do at the Food Pantry. Contact Lauren Brightmore to schedule a food pantry speaker at 708-386-1324 ext. 1102.

Schedule your food drive drop off, go to <https://bit.ly/2UnVpZ0>

To ensure we have enough staff and space ready for your food donations, we ask that you select your drop off date in advance. Follow the link above to the Sign Up Genius page and select a date and time. Be sure to include your school name in the comment section.



The CAN DO Champion trophy is awarded to the school that earns the most points. Below are the top three schools from 2018:

2018 SCHOOL COMPETITION	
1	Brooks Middle School 22,546 points
2	Oak Park River Forest High School 22,140 points
3	Mann Elementary School 21,774 points



SCHOOL COMPETITION

10 POINTS for every \$1



5 POINTS for high-powered items



beans (canned or dry) | whole wheat pasta brown rice |
peanut butter | canned meat fish or chicken | plain oatmeal

5 POINTS for every volunteer hour



Volunteers can designate their hours to a school during the Challenge.
Schools can also come and sort food from their own drive for points.

1 POINT for all other donations





SUGGESTED DONATION ITEMS

HIGH POWERED ITEMS (5 POINTS):

Grains:

- Brown Rice
- Quinoa
- Couscous
- Whole grain pasta
- Rolled oats

Produce:

- Canned fruit in 100% juice
- Canned low-sodium vegetables
- Dried fruit

Proteins:

- Canned tuna
- Canned salmon
- Canned chicken
- Nuts
- Dried beans
- Dried lentils
- Canned low-sodium beans
- Nut butters

OTHER DONATIONS (1 POINT)

Baby items:

- Baby food
- Diapers
- Formula

Cleaning supplies:

- All-purpose cleaner
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Window cleaner
- Paper towels

Non-perishable food items Spices and condiments (full-size)

Toiletry items (especially full-size):

- Incontinence supplies
- Feminine hygiene products
- Lotion
- Razors
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shaving cream
- Body soap
- Hand soap
- Toilet paper

Miscellaneous:

- Cookbooks
- Children's books
- Magazines

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT

- Expired items
- Items without printed expiration date
- Homemade or home-canned food
- Medications (prescription or over the counter)
- Open items
- Products not in their original packaging
- Deli trays or prepared food items

TEAM CAPTAIN INFORMATION



As the point of contact for your school, here's what you need to know about creating your own online fundraising page.

Your school's page will show all online donations and we can add any checks or cash that come in offline for your team.

Food donations and volunteer hours will be added to these totals at the end of the Challenge.

HOW TO CREATE YOUR SCHOOL'S TEAM PAGE:

1. Go directly to our [campaign page](#) and select "Join the Challenge"
2. Select create a team
3. You'll be asked to create an account. Enter your email and a password. You will now be the school's team captain.
4. Complete your profile by entering your first and last name and select sign up.
5. You'll then be prompted to enter a team name (use your school's name).
6. Set a fundraising goal and make any edits you wish to the team page headline, then select create team.
7. You'll be prompted to choose a team photo (it's defaulted to the Food Pantry logo but feel free to change it with your school's logo, school photo, etc.).
8. Manage your page, make edits to the story, send emails, thank donors, and share your link from the team page.



If you would like help setting up your page, please contact Lauren Brightmore Laurenb@oprffoodpantry.org 708-386-1324 X 1102. She will walk you through the process.

HOW TO GET PEOPLE JOIN YOUR TEAM *and ensure their donation counts in your school's point total.*

On our peer-to-peer fundraising platform, your team can leverage your fundraising even further. Want to have an internal competition amongst your school's homerooms, grades, or clubs etc.? You can do that and more...even have parents fundraise! Here's how they can join:

1. Go to (insert your team page link)
2. Select JOIN TEAM
3. You'll be asked to create an account. Enter your email, create a password, and continue.
4. Next enter your first and last name. You can also add your homeroom (ie. First Name: Mrs. Jones. Last: Room 12).

People can also go straight to your team page and donate if they don't wish to join your team.