



# The Salvation Army Thanksgiving Can-U-Care Food Drive



**Westview Parents and Students,**

Join The Salvation Army of Northeast Florida for Thanksgiving by collecting non-perishable items for families in need on the First Coast. Each year The Salvation Army distributes nearly 1,000 food baskets for Thanksgiving dinners. Help us ensure families have a Thanksgiving dinner to celebrate.

This year we will be collecting non-perishable items from **September 24 – November 9, 2018** at Westview. Items can be dropped off in the main office or your child's classroom. Classroom with the most "food drive" items will win a pizza party and movie.

## **ITEMS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS are sorted by Grade Level**

<b>PrK</b> Gravy Mix	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Cornbread mix
<b>KG</b> Mac & Cheese	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Rice
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Instant Mashed Potatoes	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Canned Fruit
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Cranberry Sauce	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Canned Soups
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Canned Vegetables	
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Stuffing Mix	

*\*Kindly check expiration dates carefully as any expired food will need to be discarded.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**



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## HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS TO HELP YOU HOST A THANKSGIVING CAN-U-CARE FOOD DRIVE:

- Set up a collection box or barrel in a high traffic area and post signs about the drive. Contact us for flyer examples.
- Have a box or barrel decorating contest among groups. Have each person vote for the most creative box or barrel.
- Create department or classroom competition. Example: 1<sup>st</sup> grade collects stuffing mix, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade collects canned vegetables, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade collects cranberry sauce, 4<sup>th</sup> grade collects instant mashed potatoes, 5<sup>th</sup> grade collects Mac & Cheese. The class that collects the most items wins.
- Host a department challenge at your office.
- Have the youth classes at your church create baskets to be placed around the church to collect items.
- Conduct an online campaign through YouGiveGoods.com. See an example here: <https://yougivegoods.com/the-prep-thanksgiving-food-drive-2017>
- **ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, November 9, 2018.**



Make sure you capture your efforts in photos. Don't forget to post on social media and to tag us:

**facebook.com/SalvationArmyNEFL**

**Instagram: @salarmyjax**

**Twitter: @salarmyjax**

If you have any questions, to request a barrel or for any additional information, please call or email Raymond Bentley at [Raymond.Bentley@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Raymond.Bentley@uss.salvationarmy.org) or **904-301-4786**.