

# HELP LEAD THE WAY TO A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Great Ideas for Successful Drives

## BUILD-A BOX/BUILD-A-BAG

Each person gives a completed Box of Hope (food for a family of 4 for 3 days) or Bag of Joy (2 toys and a stuffed stocking for 1 child) to the Holiday Center. With this "grassroots effort", we are asking drive participants to ask their own friends, co-workers, and family members for specific items our families need. A "sponsorship sheet" will be provided or can be downloaded at [www.metromin.org](http://www.metromin.org).

## THE ONE ITEM DRIVE

Your group can choose to sponsor a whole day of distribution to 1,000 families by collecting one of our most needed foods - canned fruit, boxed cereal, stuffing, or rice/pasta. Simply select ONE item from this list for your drive and challenge your team to collect 1,000 of that item. It is easy and helps serve so many!

## INFANT/TEEN TOY DRIVE

Give to our area of greatest need during December- teen gifts or infant gifts. Encourage teenagers or parents of toddlers to collect the items that kids most want for Christmas.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CANVAS

Drop a list of needed food or toy items to a group of homes and return on a set date to pick up their donations. Try including a bag with the list of items. Most grocery stores will donate the bags, and it makes it easier to collect when you return.

## CONTEST

Make the drive a contest between groups within your organization and give prizes that build community for your team.

## COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Ask other community groups such as businesses, faith groups, or schools to join you in collecting food and toys at their location.

## CAN SCULPTURE

Be creative by collecting enough canned goods to make a sculpture in your building. You could build your team mascot, company logo, or something fun like a space ship! It could also be a contest between departments to see who is the most innovative.

## BIG FAT TRUCK PARADE SUNDAYS (FAITH GROUPS)

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, or 22<sup>rd</sup>; December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, or 20<sup>st</sup>

- ❖ Make a goal and distribute Boxes of Hope and/or Bags of Joy lists to your congregation (we will provide the boxes and/or bags).
- ❖ Have your congregation bring their filled Boxes of Hope and/or Bags of Joy to your services on one of the above Big Fat Truck Parade Sundays and leave them on their cars. Then have your youth, men's group or other volunteers collect the Boxes of Hope and/or Bags of Joy in a big fat truck (you provide the big fat truck).
- ❖ Drive your congregation's Big Fat Truck filled with Boxes of Hope or Bags of Joy to Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Center on one of the above Sundays for immediate distribution to families in need.

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