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The Gathering Place Donation Drive Kit

How to Host a Successful Drive

So, you've decided to host a donation drive to help the members of The Gathering Place! First and foremost, thank you for supporting our members by providing them with the basic food, clothing, and toiletry items they need every day. Here are some tips we have for making sure your drive is a total success!

1. Select a donation drive coordinator or committee
2. Contact Program Specialist Leah Weisgal to discuss what items are currently in most need for members at The Gathering Place
3. Decide what item(s) you and your group will be collecting
4. Establish a goal for the number of items or pounds of food you hope to collect
5. Promote your donation drive using social media, email, internal communications tools and newsletters, and any other method that's convenient for you and your participants
6. Establish bins or boxes to collect donations and post the signs provided below (Pages 2 and 3)
7. Create incentives for your group or organization to participate
8. Remind your group or organization who the drive will benefit with facts about The Gathering Place (provided below)
9. Once the drive is complete, contact Program Specialist Leah Weisgal to schedule a delivery time.

About The Gathering Place

1. We are Denver's only daytime drop-in center for women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty.
2. We serve about 8,000 individuals each year providing a wide range of services including nutritious meals, clothing, laundry and shower facilities, education and job readiness programs, access to mental and physical health assistance, art classes and more.
3. Every month, we distribute an average of 7,200 pounds of food and 400 toiletry bags from Betsy's Cupboard.
4. We are open Monday through Friday and provide members with three nutritious meals a day: breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack.
5. When The Gathering Place was founded in 1986, women and children made up 10% of Denver's homeless population. Now they represent around 50%.

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Donations Wish List



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Food Donations

**all items must be unexpired*

Canned fruits
Canned veggies (reduced sodium preferred)
Beans (dry or canned)
Rice (1 to 2-pound bags)
Canned soups
Pasta and pasta sauce
Canned tuna, chicken, and salmon
Frozen meat
Cereal and oatmeal
Peanut butter and jelly
Vegetarian products
Microwaveable meals
Make-a-meal items (Hamburger Helper, macaroni & cheese)
Snack items (granola, cereal bars, crackers, popcorn, and nuts)
100% fruit juice
Bottled water
Coffee, tea, cider, and hot cocoa packets
Can openers

Clothing Donations

New underwear (sizes 5 - 12)
New socks
New or gently used bras

Toiletry Donations

**all items must be new and unopened*

Liquid or solid body soap
Shampoo and conditioner
Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Deodorant
Razors
Lotion
Brushes and combs
Black hair products
Lip balm
Denture care (Polygrip or Efferdent)
Cough drops
Kleenex

Baby Donations

**all items must be new and unopened*

Enfamil infant formula
Pull-ups sizes 2T–5T
Baby food
Baby wipes
Baby powder, lotion, shampoo, and bath wash
Pedialyte
Sippy cups

Other

Reusable shopping bags
New or gently used backpacks and duffel bags

For more information or to schedule a large donation, please contact Program Specialist **Leah Weisgal** at (303) 996-9046 or leah@tgpdenver.org.

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Donations for The Gathering Place



Founded in 1986, The Gathering Place is the only daytime drop-in center in metropolitan Denver that serves women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty, many of whom are also experiencing homelessness. The Gathering Place provides services to 8,000 individuals every year.



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Thank you for making an immediate impact in the lives of our members!