

Dear Neighbor,

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This is the number of students in our school district **who depend on the free or reduced-rate meal program for part of their daily food intake**. But have you ever thought about what these children have to eat when school is not in session, like weekends and the up-coming Holiday Break?

Hunger is one of those “invisible” challenges in our community. Children could be going hungry right next door and you might never know it. Unlike adults, hunger strikes children especially hard because they don’t know how to ask for help and they can’t access their own resources. As a recently retired teacher working with disadvantaged youth in social services, I have seen for myself how hungry children struggle in life.

Won’t you take a few minutes to help a hungry child in the _____ area?

The _____ **Food Pantry** has _____ convenient drop-off collection points:

(example)

DeForest Village Hall

306 DeForest St.

7:30am-4:30pm, M-Th

7:30am-2:00pm, F

Non-perishable food items, which kids can make themselves like soups, stews, chili and **especially cereal** are ideal. Please tear off the slip at the bottom of this flyer and tape it to your food donation, so they can track the response to this appeal.

[Optional]**But there’s more!** For about \$10 you can buy a case of 6-10 such items at most grocery and discount stores like Costco, Sam’s Club or Aldi. If you donated a case of six items or more (or make one up yourself), **I will personally pick up your donation and take it to a collection point**. Just call me at the number below and tape the slip to your donation. If you would rather **write a check**, make it out to the _____ Area Food Pantry and send: *c/o Person or Agency, Address, City, State ZIP*

Best Holiday Wishes, *Your Name & Phone*

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Number of items: _____