



SUMMER PANTRY CHALLENGE

If you build it... we will collect it.

We challenge you to start a non-perishable food drive and build the most creative thing you can think of with your collections... a giant robot, a castle, your own pirate island (grrr), think creatively! **The challenge runs from July 1 – July 31.**

And Here's Why...

In 2023 we experienced a shortage of food in the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. We are preparing for a 30% increase in need going forward, at this rate we will need 1.8 million pounds of food to help feed those who need it most. 1 in 8 adult Arizonans and 1 in 5 Arizona children need additional food (food insecure).

Here's how to do it...

Step 1: Visit our website to register your drive by following this [link](#). Be sure to write “Summer Pantry challenge” in the comments section of the application so we can track your donation for this challenge.

Step 2: Gather your friends, family, or colleagues to get started on your drive.

Step 3: Use your non-perishable food items from your drive to build your creation.

Step 4: Take a video or photo of your creation. Show it off!

Step 5: Use Hashtag #SVdPPantryChallenge and tag us on social media @Svd paz on Instagram and St. Vincent de Paul on Facebook.

Step 6: Nominate two or three more friends, family, or group to take on this challenge!

Step 7: Have us pick up the donation or bring it in in person to the Watkins Campus. If you're out of state, donate food at your local SVdP pantry.

You will need...

- A cool idea for your creation.
- Builders (siblings, parents, friends, pets, etc.)
- Decorative supplies such as Christmas lights, dog toys, part of costumes, etc. (Optional)
- A camera to take some shots or videos of your creations.

Rules:

- You must register your drive with us before you begin.
- All build materials must be non-perishable food and remain sealed in their original packaging (nutrients fact must be visible on can).
- All non-perishable food items will be collected for donation once the challenge is complete.

Ideas to help run your drive:

- Send out a message to ask your neighbors, family members, co-workers to donate non-perishable food items from their pantry. (Feel free to add items from your own pantry to your drive).
- Host a board game competition with non-perishable food items as the participation fee.
- Set up a lemonade stand with non-perishable food items as the price for the lemonade.
- Decorate your collection bins bright and attractive to catch people's attention.
- Use promotional campaign flyers to distribute in your neighborhood, workplace, schools, etc. (we can help you with flyers during registration of your drive).

Most needed food drive items

- Canned protein
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit & vegetables
- Canned soups
- Canned beans
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Rice
- Beans

Examples of cool creations from the past are found below.



