



# 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 and register your drive to keep track of your donations for this challenge at: <https://www.stvincentdepaul.net/give/organize-a-drive>

**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.



