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9th Annual Mayors ' Citywide Food Drive Challenge

(PORTSMOUTH, VA - October 3, 2019) - There are more than 160,000 individuals (including over 40,000 children) who struggle with food insecurity in our service area.

This year, in celebration of Hunger Action Month, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is pleased to announce our 9th annual Elected Officials' Engagement Day. We are hosting a "Citywide Mayors' Food Drive" with Mayor Alexander of Norfolk and Mayor Dyer of Virginia Beach who have come together to lead **the charge**. They are calling on citizens to take action by giving food, funds, time, and voice to address hunger in meaningful ways. We also hope that other cities and counties will join us in this effort to relieve hunger in our communities.

The "Mayors' Citywide Food Drive Challenge" began on September 23 and culminate at the Annual Mayflower Marathon taking place November 22-24, 2019. There are two donation locations in our service area for Mayflower Marathon: one at Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach (behind Target) and the second at First Team Kia and Subaru in Suffolk. Final donation totals from the drive will be announced on Tuesday, November 26.

From September 23-November 24, we call upon every resident, school, and business in participating cities and counties to help address hunger by collecting and dropping off food donations at participating Foodbank Partner Agencies throughout each city and making monetary donations online at <https://fundraise.foodbankonline.org/give/148713/#!/donation/checkout>.

We are calling on our citizens to become leaders in our community by donating to provide healthy meals to our neighbors in need. Join us, and lead the effort to eliminate hunger in our community! We can end hunger one helping at a time. Below find the Foodbank's shopping list of most useful items:

Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore SHOPPING LIST

Lean Canned Protein

peanut butter, tuna, chicken, turkey, beans

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Fruits and Vegetables

canned fruits and vegetables, pasta sauce, 100% fruit juice, fruit preserves, dried fruit

Whole Grains

cereal, pasta, oatmeal, rice, crackers

Meals

soups, stews, boxed meals, canned pasta

Baby Products

formula, baby food, diapers, wipes

Personal Hygiene Items

shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper

Low Fat - Low Sodium - Low Sugar Products Preferred

Please remember:

- Non-perishable food
 - Non-breakable containers
 - Nutritional labels intact
- Check dates (items can be up to 6 months past printed date)

Sizeable donations should be delivered directly to the Foodbank or presented at the Mayflower Marathon.

Partner Agencies Accepting Donations for the Citywide Food Drive Challenge

Wesley Community Service Center

1701 Elm Avenue Portsmouth, VA 23704
Suffolk, VA 23434

Bethlehem Christian Church

1549 Holland Road

Wesley Grace United Methodist Church

288 E. Little Creek Road Norfolk, VA 23505
Portsmouth, VA 23701

The Rescue Church

4810 Portsmouth Blvd.

Harvest Assembly of God

525 Kempsville Road Chesapeake, VA 23320
Beach, VA 23454

Eastern Shore Chapel

2020 Laskin Road Virginia

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