



## 9/11 Food Drive (Grades 6–12)

Students will create a plan for collecting and donating food items to a soup kitchen, shelter, or food pantry.

### Learn! Questions to investigate before getting started

- **What** are the statistics about hunger in the community? Are there certain groups that are more affected than others?
- **What** organizations currently help those in the community suffering from hunger?
- **What** does the school currently do with leftover food? How much leftover food from the school cafeteria gets thrown out on a daily/weekly basis?
- **Would** approval be necessary from school or district administrators for a program like this?
- **Has** a similar program been organized at any other local schools? If so, what lessons can be learned?
- **Read about** real students in Maryland who organized a food donation program for the local soup kitchen at [www.gazette.net/stories/03092011/gaitnew191433\\_32537.php](http://www.gazette.net/stories/03092011/gaitnew191433_32537.php).
- **Visit** [911day.org](http://911day.org), and make your pledge to participate.

Share your good deed on Twitter and Facebook using #911Day.  
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### Plan! Helpful hints to prepare for your 9/11 Day Project

- **Get** sign-off from school or district administration, if required.
- **Meet** with the school cafeteria manager to create a plan. Which day (or days) of the week is best for pickup? What types of foods could be transported and distributed? Will they need containers to transport the food? What food safety and handling considerations must be met? What types of supplies should students collect (e.g., bowls or trays to serve the food)?
- **Decide** which organization(s) will be selected to receive the food. Do students want to focus on a specific group, e.g., the elderly, children, veterans, etc.? Identify soup kitchens, food pantries, and shelters.
- **Invite** someone from the organization to come and speak with students to explain the mission of the organization, how the food would be distributed, and what impact the donation would have. Discuss any special needs, instructions, or preferences. Where should food be delivered? What time is best? Who will receive it? How should it be packaged?
- **Purchase or collect donations** of supplies from parents and community members. Think about containers, utensils, gloves, coolers, labels, insulated pans, etc.
- **Send** out letters to parents requesting transportation assistance, unless students are able to drive.
- **Create** a schedule for how the program will work, from organizing supplies to handing off food.
- If the organization is comfortable, invite school and community leaders to the “handoff.”
- **Share** your good deed on Twitter and Facebook (hashtag #911Day)

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## Do! Ready, set, go!

- **Make** sure students have all necessary supplies.
- **Organize** students into teams based on who will organize and collect food, label it, load it, drive it to the destination, and deliver it. Add parents or other volunteers to student teams.
- **Nominate** team leaders and have them direct their teams to complete their related jobs.
- **Make** sure that all drivers have information about the time to be at the school and destination, how much room they will need in their cars, driving directions, and contact information for the organization.
- **Have** as many students as possible attend the delivery day!

## Think! Reflect on how your 9/11 Day Project has impacted students and the community

Have students create a video that captures the day, from collection to delivery. Encourage students to share how they are feeling along the way.

## Keep It Going! Ideas to continue your 9/11 Day Project or inspire others to get started

- **If possible**, keep the deliveries going every week.
- **Share** information about the program with district or county leaders. Spread the word to other schools and encourage them to replicate the program. Sharing food means less hunger!
- **Plan** a "Hunger Awareness Day" to inform the community about local hunger issues.
- **Visit** [serve.gov](http://serve.gov) for more ideas.

## Share your Good Deed on Twitter, #911Day

- **Let the world know** what your class did to pay tribute on 9/11 by sharing your good deed (and pics) on Twitter or Facebook (hashtag #911Day). Also visit [911day.org](http://911day.org) for more info.



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