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BRIDGEWATER MAYOR HAYES ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Bridgewater Township to Partner with Bridgewater Nissan to “Drive Away Hunger”

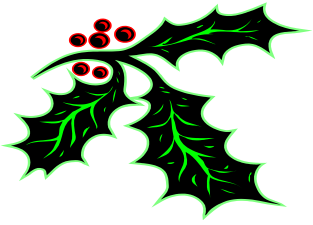
Each month the Food Bank Network of Somerset County distributes as much as 25,000 pounds of food to hundreds of local families. During the holiday season the demand for food distribution can often be greater than the supply available at the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. In an effort to assist local individuals and families in need Bridgewater Mayor Dan Hayes encourages all area residents to participate in the “Drive Away Hunger” Food Collection Campaign to be offered in partnership with Bridgewater Nissan.

The average American consumes approximately five pounds of food per day. The goal of the Bridgewater “Drive Away Hunger” Campaign is to collect at least 1000 pounds of non-perishable food items to be distributed to area residents through the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. This goal equates to the distribution of a daily supply of food for at least 200 residents in need. Non-perishable food items suggested for donation include but are not limited to:

Canned Fruits and Vegetables Canned Meats (Spam, Corned Beef, Stew, Tuna)
Canned Spaghetti and Pasta Cereal (Hot/Cold)
Dry Pasta and Pasta Sauce Dried Beans
Peanut Butter and Jelly Fruit and Vegetable Juice
Macaroni and Cheese Rice
Infant Formula Infant Cereal
Fruit Cups Juice Boxes
Granola Bars Crackers and Popcorn

Donations will be received at Bridgewater Nissan during regular business hours now through December 15, 2014. The car dealership is located at 1400 US Highway 22, Bridgewater. Donations will also be accepted at the Bridgewater Senior Citizens Center located at 455 Somerville Road, Bridgewater. The Center will be open weekdays between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM for non-perishable food donations.

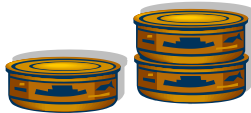
For more information please contact Chris O. Poulsen, Bridgewater Director of Human Services, by telephone at (908) 725-5750 or by email at health@bridgewaternj.gov. Additional information on the Food Bank Network of Somerset County is available at <http://somersetfoodbank.org>.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Bridgewater Township has partnered with Bridgewater Nissan to “Drive Away Hunger” for individuals and families in need of food for the holidays.

Non-perishable food items suggested for donation include but are not limited to:



Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Canned Meats (Spam, Corned Beef, Stew, Tuna), Canned Spaghetti and Pasta, Cereal (Hot/Cold), Dry Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Dried Beans, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Fruit and Vegetable Juice, Macaroni and Cheese, Rice, Infant Formula, Infant Cereal, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, Granola Bars, Crackers and Popcorn.

Donations will be received now through December 15th at:

**Bridgewater Nissan
1400 US Highway 22
Bridgewater, NJ**



**Senior Citizens Center
455 Somerville Road
Bridgewater, NJ**

***Open normal business hours**

***Open weekdays 10 AM to 3 PM**

All Donations to Support the Food Bank Network of Somerset County

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