

Finding Resources for Local Church Benevolence

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I. LOCAL RESOURCES:

- A. Local grocery stores
- B. Local churches that are stronger than your church but do not have a food pantry program. For example, Cleveland has organized a community food pantry under the direction of Shea Hughes that many churches will underwrite.
- C. Local post office annual food drives – May of each year; contact local postmaster in February
- D. Contact local manufacturers that will do a food drive
- E. Local clubs: American Legion, Lions, Kiwanis, etc.
- F. Local business that would contribute a few cases of food or day-old baked goods – local bakeries or thrift stores
- G. Special event food drive with “entrance fee” being a donation or canned good
- H. Food Depository to purchase items – usually \$.14 per pound

II. STATE RESOURCES:

- A. Second Harvest
- B. USDA
- C. Community Block Grants

III. NATIONAL AGENCIES:

- A. Feed the Children
- B. CAP