# Donation Creation: a Food Drive with a Twist!

Collect non-perishable food items and use them to build a creative can-struction masterpiece! Your donation supports **Chrysalis Center's Freshplace food pantry**, and your creation adds a little extra joy and inspiration. Let's fight hunger with heart and imagination!















### To Benefit:



Freshplace
Nourishing our community

**Getting Help...Getting Better...Giving Back.** 

## Donation Creation 2025!

#### Join the Movement to Fight Food Insecurity with Donation Creation:

Donation Creation is a unique and creative way to support those in need. Whether you're part of a work team, school group, business, church, or simply a group of friends or family, you can join this inspiring initiative to fight food insecurity and give back to your community! Groups host a nonperishable food drive and build a sculpture from the donated items. Each team that creates a sculpture can enter into our Top Can Contest.

Let your imagination run wild and bring your vision to life! Let's spread awareness, inspire others, and make a tangible impact - together! Ready to build change, one can at a time?

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### Why is participation in Donation Creation important?

The food collected benefits Freshplace, Chrysalis Center's innovative fresh food pantry serving families living in the poorest neighborhoods in Hartford. With the rise in food insecurity our needs are greater than ever.

#### When should we begin collecting nonperishable food?

Donation Creation kicks off May 1st and runs until June 30th. You can collect nonperishable items anytime throughout these months. Items can be ordered online and delivered to your home or place of work, you can designate someone as your official team shopper and provide them with funds to buy food, or you can create a drop-off location where your team can leave nonperishables. Please decide what is best for your team.

#### How to schedule food donation drop-off?

It's easy! Call or email Gabby Jacunski at gjacunski@chrysaliscenterct.org or 860-263-4419 to schedule a drop-off time by June 30th. All drop-off times are scheduled weekdays between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Drop-off accommodations can be made on a case by case basis.



Scan Here to Create a Team or visit: chrysaliscenterct.org/donation-creation-2025/

Questions? Email Gabby Jacunski at gjacunski@chrysaliscenterct.org or call 860-263-4419

#### Is there a contest for making a creation from the nonperishable items?

Each team that creates a sculpture can enter into our Top Can contest, with the top sculptures receiving the Top Can Award. Chrysalis Center's clients will vote on their favorite sculptures. Top Can Awards will be awarded to First and Second place teams.

#### How do I submit my team's sculpture for the Top Can contest?

Teams can send pictures of their completed sculptures via email to Gabby at gjacunski@chrysaliscenterct.org, or post sculpture photos and tag us on Social Media.



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#### How do I register my team for Donation Creation?

It's easy - scan here to Create Your Team online:



What can we collect and what is most needed? You can collect any healthy, non-expired, nonperishable foods. Please refrain from items such as cookies, cakes, and candy. The list below contains the items most needed by Freshplace families:

- Tuna and Canned Chicken
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Soups, Stews, and Canned Pasta
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Vegetables
- Cooking Oil

- Beans: baked, kidney, black, pinto
- · Cereal: hot and cold
- Condiments: BBQ sauce, salad dressing, ketchup, mustard, etc.
- Canned Fruit
- Rice

#### What if I don't want to build a sculpture but still want to donate?

Chrysalis Center always welcomes nonperishable food items or monetary donations for our programs that fight food insecurity. Follow the link below to learn more and make a donation.

#### Is there an overall goal of donated items?

Yes! Our goal is a total of 5,000 nonperishable items collected by all Donation Creation teams. You can also ask family and friends to make a monetary donation in lieu of food items by scanning here:

2025 Fresh Food, Fresh Start Campaign:

every donation and contribution makes a big difference!

