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Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry

Food Drive and Donations Collected May 7-11

DENTON, TX, May 1, 2018 – Mayor Chris Watts announced the Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry food drive at tonight's City Council meeting. This is the seventh year of the event encouraging residents and businesses in Denton to help address hunger in the community with a one-week food collection drive from May 7-11.

More than 159,257 people in Denton County struggle with food insecurity, which means they do not know where their next meal will come from. In the Denton Independent School District alone, there are 11,362 students who are on free lunches and 1,786 students who are on reduced-priced lunches, which means 44% of the student population is on free or reduced lunches.

Every resident and business in Denton can help address hunger by dropping food donations from May 7-11 at participating business and non-profit locations throughout the city, which are available online at www.UnitedWayDenton.org/MDOC. This is also the first year that monetary donations will be accepted online. Food pantries are able to make each dollar go further by purchasing in bulk through existing partnerships. Every \$1 donated buys 3 pounds of food.

The Mayor's Day of Concern is a collaborative effort between City of Denton Mayor Chris Watts and a large team of local organizations including the Denton Hunger Coalition, Denton Community Food Center, Denton Community Market, Denton County Friends of the Family, Denton County MHMR Center, Denton Hunger Coalition, First Refuge Ministries, Health Services of North Texas, Our Daily Bread, NCTC Corinth Campus, The Salvation Army of Denton, Vision Ministries, and United Way of Denton County.

Results from the drive will be announced at the Mayor's Day of Concern at the Denton Community Market on Saturday, May 19 at 11 a.m.

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Attachment: MDOC Flyer

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Did you know?!

Food pantries are able to make your dollar go further through purchasing in bulk and existing partnerships.

Consider making a monetary donation at
www.UnitedWayDenton.org/MDOC

You can still donate on behalf of a business or organization!

\$1 = 3 lbs. of food

Food Drive | May 7-11

Most Needed Items

- Canned Meats
- Canned Fruits
- Chili/Stew/Soups
- Rice
- Beans
- Oatmeal/Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Baby Food
- Boxed Meals
- Mac & Cheese

Please, no water and no green beans!
We have plenty!

Drop-Off Locations

Classic of Denton

5000 S I-35 E
Denton, TX

DATCU

225 W Mulberry St.
Denton, TX
906 W University Dr.
Denton, TX
3210 Teasley Ln.
Denton, TX

Denton Community Market

317 W Mulberry St
Denton, TX

First United Bank

1517 Centre Pl Dr, Denton, TX
76205

Independent Bank

400 N Carroll Blvd.
Denton, TX
3301 Teasley Ln.
Denton, TX

Juice Lab

508 S Elm St. #104
Denton, TX

North Texas Collegiate

Academy

4601 S I-35 E
Denton, TX

Safran

3790 Russell Newman Blvd
Denton, TX

Sam Houston Elementary

3100 Teasley Ln
Denton, TX

UMB Bank

1013 W University Dr
Denton, TX

More Coming Soon!

www.UnitedWayDenton.org/MDOC

