

A Guide For Soccer Players To Set Up Your Food Drive

1. Contact other D1 soccer players, male and female, in your community and coordinate working together!

2. Gather information on where to donate. There are over 200 food banks that supply 60,000 local food pantries. Find your closest food bank here. Or google search to find your local food pantry.

3. Once you have found your local food bank or pantry, call them to obtain local advice on: (take notes)
 - Food and personal safety measures you need when collecting
 - What types of items (food and non-food) you can safely accept and donate
 - Their suggestions for how and where the food should be collected and donated
 - Will they provide boxes for transporting food?
 - A date and time frame(s) for collection and transportation to the local food bank
 - Contacting local groceries to see if they will match your donation!

4. How to let people know about your drive and food drop off location... **Get The Word Out!**
 - Contact your former youth coach and club. Ask the club to email the whole club (parents and players) about the date, location and time frame for them to drop off food items - have the club post on their social media. Send them to our website SoccerUnitedAgainstHunger.com for more information on the bigger picture.
 - Contact other soccer people in your community - spread the word about the tremendous thing you are doing for your community!

- Contact your state youth soccer association and get them to send out an email blast about what you are doing and how to participate. Locate your local state youth soccer associations [Here](#) and [Here](#)
- Contact television stations - everyone is looking for good news and positive stories right now!
- Take pictures of the drive and food collected. Post on social media using hashtag #SoccerUnitedAgainstHunger and send to SoccerUnitedAgainstHunger@gmail.com
- Bring bathroom scales to the collection site, weigh all food as it arrives. Total it and share your total pounds of food collected on social media and email to SoccerUnitedAgainstHunger@gmail.com. We will share your accomplishments with the soccer community!

