



# DOING THE MOST GOOD

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Dear Students and Parents:

It's that time of year again! **The Salvation Army's 2017 Canned Food Drive begins on Monday, September 11, and runs through Friday, September 22.** Last year, with the help of you and schools in Lee County, we collected over 117,570 cans.

Last year's food was distributed to families at Christmas and in our food pantry until it ran out in July.

The top-collecting schools receive plaques for their accomplishments, and the grand award winning school receives a trophy and bragging rights. **Last year's Grand Award Winner was Buckingham Exceptional School with 20.59 cans per student!** Winning schools will be mentioned on our website and Facebook page and in releases to the media, and they will be invited to the awards luncheon with The Salvation Army officers and special guest of honor Captain Canned Goods.

**Awards will be given for most cans per student in these categories:**

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| High School                            | Private school |
| Middle school                          | Charter school |
| Elementary school 899 students or less | Title 1 school |
| Elementary 900 students or more        | Pre-school     |
| K-8 (elementary-middle)                |                |

**Most cans collected** overall in a school

**The Grand Award** will be given to the school which collects the most cans per student.

Please encourage your child to ask family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and clubs for donations. With your help, we can offer assistance to those in Lee County who most need it.

**Here are the kinds of food to collect:**

**Cans:** meat, tuna fish, Spam, beans, soup, fruit, vegetables, pasta meals, tomatoes; **boxes:** rice, pasta, potato flakes, **plastic jars:** peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauces; **bags:** rice, beans, or *any* canned or boxed goods you find in your home food pantry.

**Please, for safety reasons, no glass containers. Do not send food past expiration date.**

For more information or assistance, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

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