WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING HEALTHY FOOD ITEMS IN BOXES OR CANS:

- All rices & grains; long grain, white, brown, wild, quinoa, couscous, barley
- Peanut butter, including natural Jelly
- Canned tuna
- Pastas including whole grain
- Pasta Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese*
- Beef Stew*
- Chili *
- All beans – (dried/canned) lentils, black beans, kidney, lima, black-eye, navy, garbanzo, pinto
- All canned vegetables and potatoes*
- Canned fruit, in light syrup or packed in natural juice
- Soups including Ramen Noodles*
- Cereal – boxed or bagged, whole grains*
- Oatmeal
- Laundry Detergent, cleaning supplies
- Hand soap & sanitizer
- Diapers baby & adult
- Feminine hygiene products

*To encourage healthier eating, please consider providing low sodium or low sugar options.

**When possible, please refrain from donating items in glass jars.

***Please also note, per health code we cannot accept expired items.

Food Pantries in Greater Danbury desperately need our help. 2-1-1 received 5 times as many calls for food assistance in Fairfield County between March and June of 2020 than it did during the same time last year. Feeding America predicts that food insecurity could increase in Connecticut by 44 percent, from 11 percent of the state's population to 16 percent, as a result of unemployment and economic dislocation due to the pandemic.

CONTACT-FREE DONATION PROCESS. Donations will be collected via a drive through in the mall parking lot located off the main entrance, facing Backus Avenue (closest to LL Bean). Look for the tent. Volunteers will remove your donations from your vehicle trunk. No need to get out of your vehicle.

TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION, visit the Danbury Food Collaborative website at www.uwwesternct.org/danburyfoodcollaborative

If you are interested volunteering for the Community Food Drive, or have questions, please contact Stacy Schulman at stacy.schulman@uwwesternct.org or 203-826-8479.

DID YOU KNOW?

Donations to food pantries from the grocery store industry were down 70% during the pandemic, because grocery store shelves were being cleared out by consumers. Meanwhile, demand on food pantries was greater than ever, because of the dramatic rise in unemployment.

Help us restock the pantries in Greater Danbury! Let's reduce food insecurity in our community!

Thank you!