

## Porch to Pantry Service Project!

Democratic Women would like to assist the Carteret Food and Health Council with their neighborhood Porch to Pantries Programs around the county for a fall service project. By hosting a collection in your neighborhood, you make it much easier for people to donate perfectly good items that they might otherwise discard. Here's how it works:

- Pick your area!
  - Who might participate? Neighbors within 2 or 3 blocks is a good start.
  - The collection will go from October 16 through November 13, but feel free to modify those dates as your schedule allows!
- Advertise using whatever seems the best way to reach your participants
  - Use social media (Facebook/Next Door)
  - Print out flyers and distribute door to door (templates are available, **don't forget to fill in details on the flyer!**)
  - Email potential participants
- Place a collection box on your porch
  - Any box or storage bin will do, decorate it if you like
  - Label it so it's obviously for the donations left ("Neighborhood Collection Box")
- Once the collection begins, do the following:
  - Monitor the box to make sure it's not overflowing and that there are no food leaks or spills.
  - Keep track of how much was collected (in lbs, feel free to estimate!)
  - When dropping off food to pantries, note how much you took to each one. Email this info (amount and pantry name) to [dlmurra4@ncsu.edu](mailto:dlmurra4@ncsu.edu) or [lerzi@hotmail.com](mailto:lerzi@hotmail.com).
  - Pictures, pictures, pictures! Please take pictures of full boxes, happy faces accepting donations, generous neighbors dropping things off, etc. Email pictures to [dlmurra4@ncsu.edu](mailto:dlmurra4@ncsu.edu) or [lerzi@hotmail.com](mailto:lerzi@hotmail.com). Please make sure you have permission from any people in photos, they might end up on Facebook!
  - Update participants on how things are going.
- Once your event is over, notify participants as to how much was collected and which pantries benefitted. And pat yourself on the back for a job well done!

Just a reminder:

- Take pictures!
- Keep track of lbs collected
- Keep track of where food was donated
- Send pictures and data to [dlmurra4@ncsu.edu](mailto:dlmurra4@ncsu.edu) or [lerzi@hotmail.com](mailto:lerzi@hotmail.com).

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