



# Food/Fund Drive Kit

## **Food Drive Organizers**

ECHO Food Shelf would like to thank you for your time and effort in supporting us with a food/fund drive. Each month, ECHO distributes approximately 68,000 pounds of food to an average of 1,000 households. ECHO Food Shelf continues its mission to prevent hunger through emergency food assistance for residents of Blue Earth County and North Mankato. Your commitment to helping the hungry in our community is sincerely appreciated.

## **Focusing the Food Drive**

When organizing a food drive, you may want to consider what is important to your group. Focusing on one specific food or group of foods is a great way to support ECHO. This will make it easier for donors to purchase and/or collect specific items for your food drive. Be creative and if you need ideas, please let ECHO know. Some suggested donations are rice, personal hygiene items, detergent, diapers, canned meats, soups, fruit, vegetables, etc. ECHO is unable to accept homemade foods or perishable items.

## **Consider a Fund Drive**

Monetary donations are a convenient way to give to ECHO. For every \$1.00 donated, we are able to purchase \$10.00 worth of food because of our access to discount products and programs. Checks may be made out to ECHO Food Shelf and a receipt will be provided to your organization.

## **Contact ECHO Food Shelf**

Please inform ECHO Food Shelf if you will be holding a food/fund drive. You may contact ECHO Food Shelf at 507.345.7477, via email at [echofoodshelf@yahoo.com](mailto:echofoodshelf@yahoo.com), or through our website [www.echofoodshelf.org](http://www.echofoodshelf.org).

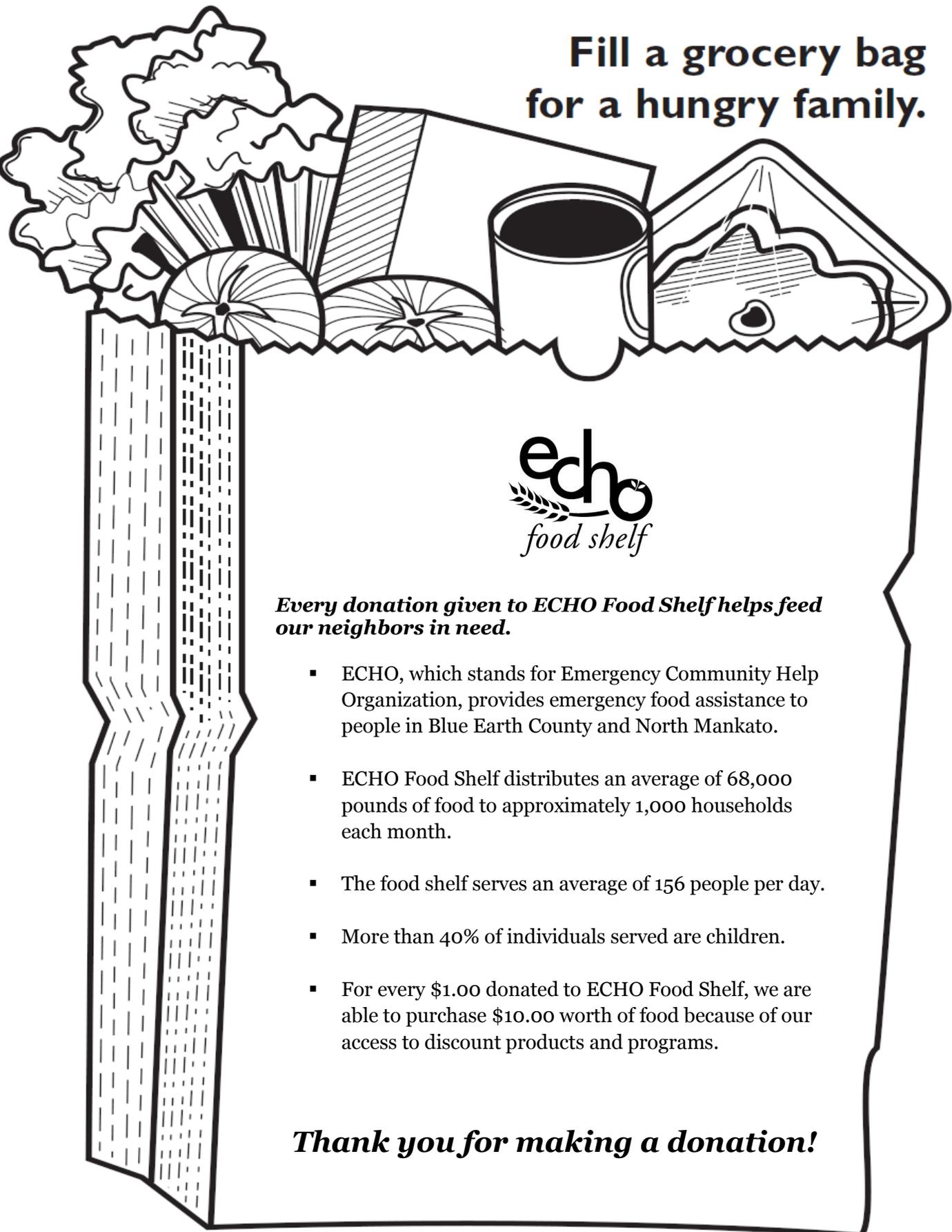
## **Promoting Your Drive**

ECHO has several items that may help with promoting a food drive: large bins to collect food, ECHO brochures, and a large ECHO donation banner. Please contact ECHO if you would like to use any of these materials. Feel free to use the items included in this kit to promote your food/fund drive as well.

## **Delivery**

Food and cash may be dropped off from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. If this time does not work for your group, please call and we will schedule a drop off time. Checks may be mailed to our PO Box. A receipt will be provided to your organization.

***Additional Questions? Contact ECHO at 507.345.7477***



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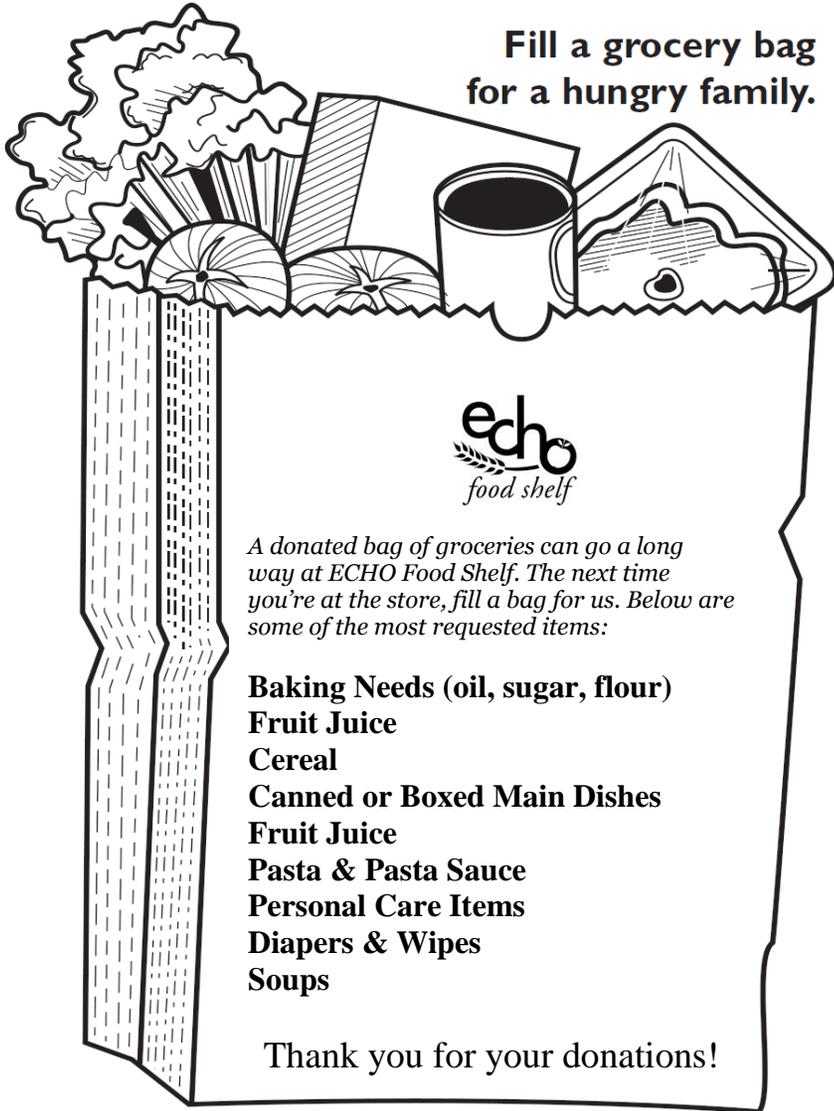


***Every donation given to ECHO Food Shelf helps feed our neighbors in need.***

- ECHO, which stands for Emergency Community Help Organization, provides emergency food assistance to people in Blue Earth County and North Mankato.
- ECHO Food Shelf distributes an average of 68,000 pounds of food to approximately 1,000 households each month.
- The food shelf serves an average of 156 people per day.
- More than 40% of individuals served are children.
- For every \$1.00 donated to ECHO Food Shelf, we are able to purchase \$10.00 worth of food because of our access to discount products and programs.

***Thank you for making a donation!***

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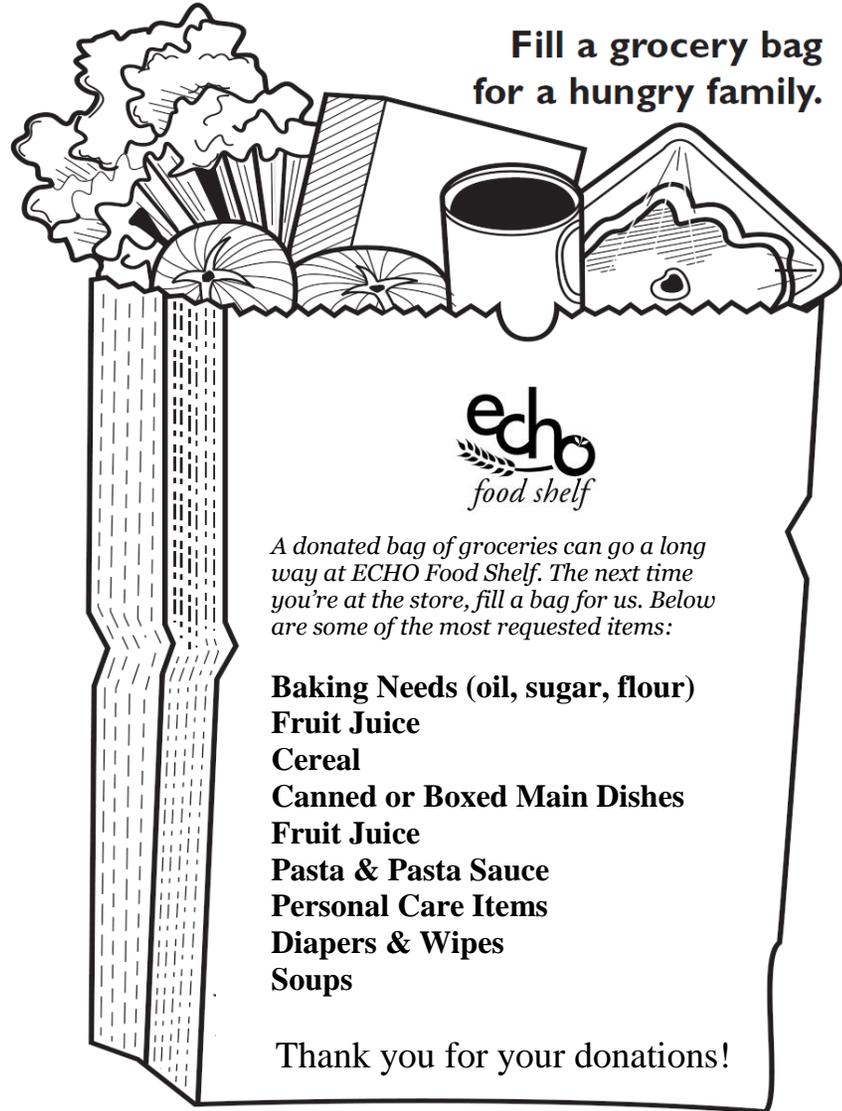


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- Baking Needs (oil, sugar, flour)**
- Fruit Juice**
- Cereal**
- Canned or Boxed Main Dishes**
- Fruit Juice**
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce**
- Personal Care Items**
- Diapers & Wipes**
- Soups**

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