



## ***Things to Consider...***

### **Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act**

In 1996, Congress created a federal Good Samaritan Act to protect food banks and their donors from liability. The bill was named for Rep. Bill Emerson (R-Missouri) who fought for the proposal but died of cancer before it was passed and signed into law by President Clinton on Oct. 1, 1996. To find more information on this or any other federal legislation, check out the Library of Congress' Thomas Database.

### **Most frequently asked questions about food drives:**

#### ***How do I get started?***

Determine the timeframe in which you would like to hold your food drive. Register your food drive online at [www.afoodbank.org](http://www.afoodbank.org)

#### ***How do I advertise the food drive?***

The Food Bank can provide you with posters and fliers. You may also want to consider using social media outlets, community calendar listings, and using e-mails to promote your drive.

#### ***Do you have barrels or boxes for collecting food?***

Yes. We have both barrels and boxes for food collection that we can provide you.

#### ***How many barrels will I need?***

This will depend on the size of your audience and the timeframe of your drive. You can always begin with one or two, and should your barrels fill up while your food drive is still taking place, the Food Bank can always come and replace your full barrel with an empty one, or take you additional barrels.

#### ***How do I get the barrels?***

You may pick up your requested barrels or make arrangements with the Food Bank to have them delivered to you. Because the Food Bank covers such a large territory, please keep in mind some deliveries may not be possible due to the distance.

***Can a representative from Food Bank of the Albemarle come to my work, church, school, etc., to talk about the Food Bank?***

Yes, we would be more than happy to provide a speaker to emphasize the importance of community support and how your food drive will assist us in our mission. We can also provide you with brochures and other information to further educate your group.

***Do I need to let Food Bank of the Albemarle know that I am having a food drive ahead of time?***

It is not mandatory to inform us of your food drive, but it is recommended to register your food drive. We have resources available to share with you that can enable you to have a successful food drive. Also, if we know you are having a food drive, we can properly thank you for your donations. Please feel free to register your food drive online at [www.afoodbank.org](http://www.afoodbank.org).

***What are some of the most-needed items in a food drive?***

Items rich in protein are essential to providing adequate nutrition. Canned meats or tuna, meals in a can such as beef stew, spaghetti sauce or chili, beans, pastas, peanut butter, and canned vegetables and fruits. ***(We do not accept products packaged in glass containers.)***

***What about monetary donations?***

If someone would like to make a monetary gift, then please accept their donation. However, we would recommend not handling cash if you can avoid it. Checks are best in this situation. All checks should be made payable to Food Bank of the Albemarle. Upon receipt of the contribution, Food Bank of the Albemarle will send an acknowledgement letter to the donor. For every \$1 donated, the food bank can purchase approximately 5 pounds of food.

***What Counties are served by Food Bank of the Albemarle?***

Food Bank of the Albemarle serves 15 counties in northeastern North Carolina. Our service area includes: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

***Can I find out how much my group collected?***

Yes. We will provide you with the weight of the food and the total from any financial contributions your group collected. Please be sure we have your name, address and e-mail address for this purpose.

**Additional information on Food Drives can be found at [www.afoodbank.org](http://www.afoodbank.org)**