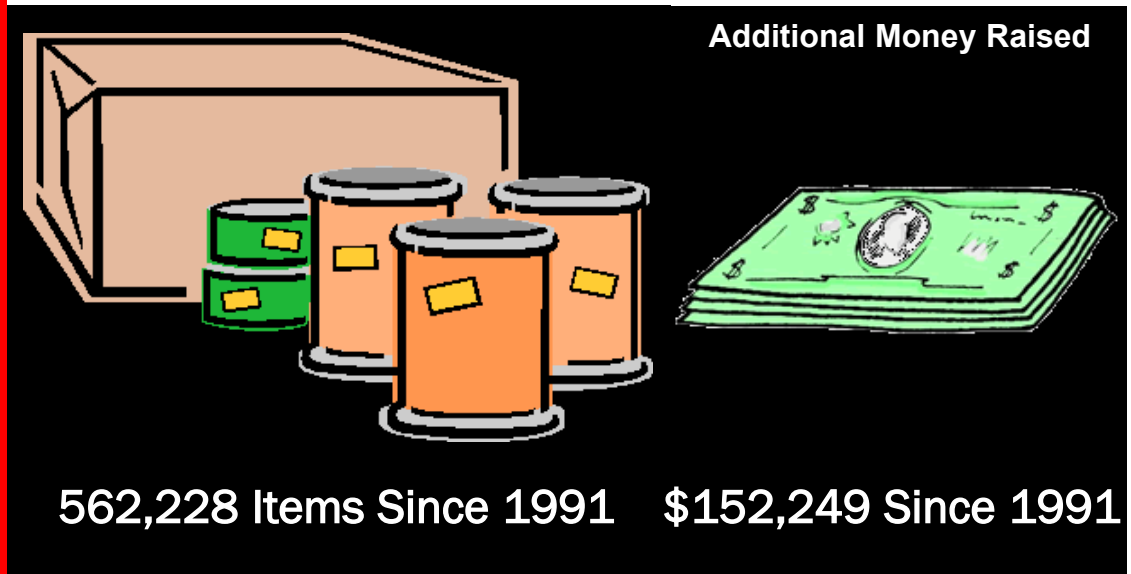


# Montcalm Challenge Food Drive



## What is the Montcalm Challenge Food Drive?

The Food Drive is an annual fall event held to collect primarily non-perishable food items for the food pantries of Montcalm County. The "Challenge", since 1991 has been a friendly competition between Montcalm area businesses to raise the most food items and/or money per employee. (Companies do not need to be part of the Challenge competition to participate in the Drive. All are encouraged to participate and their donations are most welcome.)

In lieu of food items, some company participants elect to raise money for the Challenge or earmark some of their monies as a donation to purchase additional food items needed by the pantries throughout the year.

## How is the food distributed?

EightCAP of Montcalm County distributes food to 18 pantries in the county. Before receiving food from a pantry, a needy family must first be denied food stamps by the Department of Social Services. Upon further screening by EightCAP, a needy family approved for food distribution may receive food a maximum of one (1) time per month. These families are referred to as the "working poor." The food pantries do distribute food without screening in cases of tragedy such as fire victims, battered or abused people, etc. The Challenge food drive will provide food for all 18 pantries beginning in mid-December and continue into the next year as long as supplies hold out. The ultimate goal is to be able to provide the pantries with all the food they will need during the year.



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

**2007 Results    45,643 Food Items Collected    \$34,229.85 Additional Money**

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