



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me"
Matthew 25:35*

Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade **St. Patrick Hunger Project**

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To benefit the Syracuse Community network of hunger related agencies.

St. Patrick Hunger Project Food Drive Begins Feb. 11 in Syracuse Area

Syracuse, N.Y. — Some 200 50-gallon barrels will be delivered to schools and businesses in the Syracuse area in the next several days as the fifth annual St. Patrick Hunger Project food drive gets under way.

Held in conjunction with the Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade, the Hunger Project has collected 86,000 pounds of non-perishable food that has been distributed through the Food Bank of Central New York and the Interreligious Food Consortium. Last year alone, the Hunger Project resulted in more than 44,000 meals being distributed to 27 food pantries throughout the greater Syracuse community.

This year's food drive will officially kick off with a breakfast 7:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the Salvation Army of the Syracuse Area offices at 677 S. Salina St.

Barrels will be distributed around Feb. 11 and collected no later than March 11. Approximately 100 barrels will be located at businesses in the Syracuse region. Barrels will also be placed in each city school building; 15 barrels will be placed along the marching route March 13, the day of the parade in downtown Syracuse.

In addition to depositing food in barrels, there are other ways to make a contribution:

Monetary donations can be made to the Food Bank of CNY. All monetary donations are tax deductible; each dollar donated purchases almost two pounds of food for local people in need. Information is available at www.stpatrickhungerproject.org or donations can be sent to the St. Patrick Hunger Project Fund, c/o Food Bank of Central New York, attn: Tom Slater, 6970 Schuyler Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057-9791.

Foods most needed are pasta, spaghetti sauce; instant potatoes; canned fruit, vegetables and meat; cereal; rice; gravy; stuffing; peanut butter; jelly; tuna fish; soup; dry or shelf-stable milk; pancake mix; syrup; oatmeal; grits; boxed macaroni and cheese; baby formula and cereals.

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"Go N-éiri an bóthar leat" (May the road rise to meet you)