



BOXES OF HOPE FOOD DRIVE

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ABOUT FRED JORDAN MISSIONS

HISTORY OF THE MISSION

Fred Jordan Missions is a non-profit, faith based, educational and relief organization meeting the needs of hungry, homeless and impoverished people, especially children and families in America's inner cities and around the world.

The ministry that began in 1944 as an outreach to homeless, unemployed alcoholics on the postwar streets of Los Angeles has expanded to serve the physical and spiritual needs of poverty-stricken people, not only in America, but around the world.

Fred Jordan, together with his wife Willie, built children's homes, schools, hospitals and missions in Asia, Latin America and West Africa, to care for those whom Jesus called, "... the least of these."

Since Fred's death in 1988, this Skid Row-based world ministry is still led by its founding family – now well into a second generation. Led by his wife Willie, several of their children, a dedicated Fred Jordan Mission staff, and committed volunteers, they continue to give help, hope and the love of God to tens of thousands of families and children each year.

Their perseverance speaks volumes about their belief in "... feeding the hungry, giving a cup of cold water to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless and giving clothes to the shivering."

However, Fred Jordan Missions has never done all this good work alone . . . it has always been done in partnership with the generous support of caring individuals, churches, schools and corporations who share their concern for the poor.

HOW TO ORGANIZE A BOXES OF HOPE FOOD DRIVE

Follow these simple steps to coordinate a successful food drive:

1. **Decide the type of food drive you will conduct – whether you will collect individual food items in barrels, or distribute flattened boxes for each donor to fill with food and return to you.** The Mission can provide either boxes or barrels for your drive.
2. **Choose the dates, location, and supplies needed.**
3. **Fill out the Involvement Form online.**
(www.fjm.org/ways_to_serve/boxes_of_hope/organize_a_drive)
A Fred Jordan Missions representative will contact you to confirm the dates of your drive and the supplies that you need.
4. **Promote the drive to your church, campus or workplace.** Notify all potential participants of the dates and locations of boxes or barrels, using posters, flyers, emails, bulletin inserts, public announcements, etc.
5. **Start your drive and collect food and monetary gifts.**
6. **Delivery and Pick Up.** Contact Fred Jordan Missions if you need more boxes or barrels during your drive (call 626-915-1981). Otherwise we will pick up the boxes or barrels when your drive is scheduled to be completed.

CHOOSING A DATE.

A drive can be as short as two hours or as long as two months. Some even collect food and money all year long. Typically, a drive lasts for two or three weeks.

SELECTING A LOCATION.

Designate a specific location (or locations) to host the drive. This is where empty boxes will be picked up and filled boxes will be returned, or where barrels will be located.

BOXES OR BARRELS?

Fred Jordan Missions can provide boxes or barrels for your convenience. Determine the type of container that will work best for the participants in your food drive.

Boxes. The Mission will provide the empty, collapsed boxes for your group. Each donor will pick up a box (or boxes), along with a menu of specific food items (see following page). Once filled, the boxes will be returned to your designated location.

Barrels. The Mission will provide large barrels to collect food items. Position the barrels at high traffic locations that are convenient, accessible, and safe. Participants are encouraged to donate the suggested food items (see following page).

SETTING A GOAL.

Set a goal for the amount of food that you want to collect (number of boxes or barrels filled). It will motivate you and your participants.

BOXES OF HOPE FOOD DRIVE SUPPLIES

The following Food Drive Supplies are provided by Fred Jordan Missions:
(Please specify the quantities needed on the Involvement Form)

Boxes	Empty, collapsed boxes that are easy to assemble. The boxes conveniently come with handles and are approximately 18" width x 12" height x 10" depth.
Barrels	50-gallon barrels to fill with food items. One barrel holds approximately 125 pounds of food.
Donation Envelopes	Envelopes can be given to those wishing to make monetary gifts.
Promotional Materials	Posters, flyers and other printed materials with information on Fred Jordan Missions and Boxes of Hope are available upon request.
Informational Packets	Packets contain general information about Fred Jordan Missions and its programs, including a brochure, current newsletter, and a schedule of our annual events.

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Box

Please keep to the list below. Thank you.

- 3 Cans of soup or stew*
- 1 Jar of pasta sauce – in a plastic container
- 2 Cans of meat, fish or chicken*
- 2 Cans of vegetables*
- 2 Cans of fruit*
- 1 Large bottle of juice
- 2 Boxed goods (such as cereal and/or crackers)
- 1 Package of dried pinto or black beans
- 1 Package of rice (2 lbs.)
- 1 Package of pasta
- 1 Package of powdered milk
- 1 Box of biscuit, cornbread, or stuffing mix
- 1 Box of cake, brownie, or cookie mix
- 1 Large Peanut Butter
- 1 large Jam
- Baby Food
- \$14 (suggested donation to help distribute food to needy families)
Make check payable to Fred Jordan Missions

Barrel

Suggested Items

- Canned soups or stews*
- Pasta sauces – in a plastic container
- Canned meat, tuna or chicken*
- Canned vegetables*
- Canned fruit*
- Canned juices*
- Boxed cereals or crackers
- Dried beans, rice, pasta
- Powdered Milk
- Boxed biscuit, cornbread, or stuffing mixes
- Boxed cake, brownie, or cookie mixes
- Peanut butter
- Jam – in plastic containers
- Baby Food
- Cash donations will help pack and distribute food to needy families

**Canned goods with “pop tops” or self-opening tops are welcomed.*