

MPMHA 8th Annual Big Give Food Drive & Community Groups

Hi Everyone,

The countdown is on!!!

Saturday Nov 23, 2019 we will all come together with a common goal to feed the hungry in our community. As in other years, it will be a fun and exciting team building experience. Most importantly, you will be giving your time to help those in need.

We are so close to this event. A day we are proud supporters of our community! Thank you all for your interest and support in spreading the word to the players, coaches and parents in our association and beyond.

We are excited to welcome the some of the MP Sporting Groups to this event.

Some important points to note:

Please pass this information on to all involved ASAP when you receive this.

1) Teams are to meet at our headquarters 9 am sharp at the Reid Center Sat Nov 23.

Please be on time at 9 am as in previous years as instructions will be given, maps assigned and teams should be out canvassing by 9:15 am sharp! We call each team up one by one, once you receive you can start!

When you arrive at kick off at the Reid Center please gather with your team. Teams should decide in ADVANCE and organize children, parents and vehicles.

**Please note as in previous years children are NOT to be dropped off at the Reid Center earlier before the kick off or before lunchtime as there is NO parental supervision by organizers. Your teams MUST have supervision arranged previously by coaches/parents.

2) Please dress warmly, hats and mittens are a must, and please wear your Mount Pearl team jerseys/sporting club jerseys over your coats! This event will go ahead rain, SNOW or shine !

3) Street map assignments will be given to your team rep/coach on Sat with info on where your team will canvass. The maps will include what Parish to drop off too. Thank you cards will be given for teams to hand out to each person that donates to you.

4) Please bring a can for any donations of money you may receive. (Gatorade bottle on a string around the neck can be made as a hands free option)

******All monetary donations MUST be brought back to the Reid Center to our Treasurer Karen Barnes, so we can get a final total and evenly dispense to the two food banks. DO NOT bring to the food banks, again we need to tally to evenly distribute to both!**

5) Coleman's, Dominion, Sobey's and Walmart are on board as usual! We will have a teammate assigned at each location.

Special instructions for supermarket teams!!

Team reps please go over with your team, coaches and parents the following information ASAP **before the food drive.**

The following MPMHA teams picked for supermarkets are and drop off to Parish locations are ;

1) -Atom C 9:20- 12

-Sandra Millmore & friends 12-5

(Dominion- Mt. Pearl)

-drop your food to St Peter's Parish,

Ashford Drive Mt Pearl

2)- Novice Mini 9:20-12

- Girl Guides 12-5

(Sobey's -Mt Pearl)

-drop your food to Mary Queen of The World Parish Topsail Road Mt Pearl

3) -Atom Bolts 9:20-12

-Seniors Independence Group 12-5

(Coleman's- Mt. Pearl)

-drop your food to The Salvation Army, Ashford Drive Mt Pearl

4) -Bantam C. 9:20-12

- Pee Wee C. 1230-5:15. (*go for lunch Reid centre at 12 BEFORE your shift starts 1230*)

(Walmart- Mt. Pearl)

-St Peter's Parish, Ashford Drive Mt Pearl

Supermarket hours are extended this year again from 9 am-5 pm. There will be a bin for the food already at the supermarkets. You set up there. We try not to block any shopping traffic please as in other years. You will have thank you cards to give out. Please rotate players and supervision accordingly to ensure all hours are filled. Please create a schedule for your players in ADVANCE with the times they need to be at the supermarket. For example 3 children and supervisor 9:00 am-1:00 am, or 4 children supervisor 11-12:30 pm and so on. You can see what works best for your team with your specific numbers. Listed above is where you are to drop off your donations to which parish. This would be arranged as in other years by your team accordingly among yourselves.

We have NEVER had a complaint of bad behavior at any time over the past seven years in the supermarkets nor going door to door. Please be on your best behavior and team reps , the children must be supervised at all times. In saying all of this we are most confident you will all do a wonderful job!!

**Karen Barnes or a member of our committee will arrive at the supermarkets between 4:30 pm-4:55 pm to collect all monetary donations, the morning groups can bring their donations directly

to her at lunch. Please do not leave any food donations or the money box at the supermarket during lunch. Food can be dropped off to the food bank after lunch.

LUNCHTIME 12:00pm Reid Center for all volunteers - pizza lunch

*Thank you in advance to our people serving food at lunch and helping to clean up afterwards... they are MPMHA Junior coaches, and various volunteers from O'Donel High School

6) Other years we brought the food back to the school to sort and then brought to the food banks. This year YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE to go directly to the food bank with your donations, which is indicated on the bottom of your map.

As in other years you may finish your assignment early. Some do, some don't. A reminder to feel free to bring the children to the food bank assigned on your map, if you have time. If not, this can be done after lunch. They will welcome you with open arms. It's good for the children to see how their efforts benefit others.

Please do not return to the Reid Center until your assigned lunch time at 12 pm. Thanks!

We thank the City of Mount Pearl for their continued assistance with our food drive!

A final reminder, please be safe. Please use the sidewalks and make sure the children are not running into the streets. We all want a safe and fun food drive.

See you all, Saturday November 23 at 9 am at the Reid Center when our MPMHA Blades & friends of our various MP sporting clubs give back to our community!

Please take the time to remember why we do this. The gift of your time in helping others is the most precious gift you can give! This day is to be celebrated as a day we do for others not expecting anything in return- a selfless act with happy faces eager to help.

Let's make our 8th year the best yet!! Our goal is to surpass last year's tally of over 32,000 pieces of food.

We can do it Blades & MP Sporting Groups!

Cheers,

Kim, Dave & Pauline

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