



# The Giving Tree

## Service Spotlight

### Food Pantries

### Talking Points



#### For Younger Children

- Where does your family go to get food?
- Do you think it's hard or easy for your family to get the food you need for your weekly meals?
- Are you allowed to ask for special food treats or add items to your grocery cart?
- What would it be like if you couldn't do that?
- What are some of your favorite treats?
- Do you think food pantries would welcome donations of those types of foods?

#### For Older Students

- Besides a food drive, what other types of fundraisers could you organize to support a local food pantry? Think about healthy lifestyle options as you brainstorm your ideas.
- Look online for what types of government support families can receive which might help with food insecurity. How do food pantries help to fill in the gaps with some of these program offerings?
- Consider collecting donations for a food pantry grocery shopping trip. As you shop for items to donate, what do you notice about the prices of certain types of food? Which are more expensive? Which are more nutritious? How can you stretch your donation dollars?

#### For Middle Grades

- Why is it a good idea to check with a food pantry before bringing donations over?
- What might be the reason some food pantries do not accept certain types of items?
- When might it be a good time to organize a food drive? Why do you think donations are fewer during certain times of the year?

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