

Facts about the Scout Thanks for Giving Food Drive:

This years good drive is scheduled for November 10th, 11th and 12th.

Food will be collected run the clock starting at Noon November 10th through Noon Nov 12th at Wasson Field in Milford.

Advance collection locations will include the Milford Bank, City Hall and Aquinas Consulting. Food will also be collected at Milford Stop and Shop Locations along with Shop Rite on Saturday November 11th.

Scouts have been running the thanks for giving food drive for 13 years.

It is the largest event of its kind, and is unique as the Scouts collect food around the clock for 48 hours. It's a food collect-a-thon.

This past year 388 volunteers played a role in making this event a success including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters (Adults and scout family members)

Participating units last year included:

- Cub Scouts Packs 7, 13, 17, 709, 712, 196 , 925 and 926
 - Boy Scout Troops 1, 196, 303, 515 and 926
 - Venture Crew 303
 - Girl Scouts: Brownie troop #38370 Junior troop #38310 and Cadette troop #38366

With Total Participation from

- 240 Youth Scouts (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Venturers)
- 38 Non-Youth Member from the Key Club and National Honor Society at Jonathon Law High School
- 62 Adult Scout Leaders
- 54 other adult family members

Date: November 13-15, 2015

Service Hours logged: 2,280.25

Items collected during 2016 (updated dollars, turkey count and businesses only)

- Turkeys 367
- Cans of Vegetables 4821
- Cans or Jars of Gravy 662
- Cans of Cranberry Sauce 1028
- Boxes of Stuffing 2004
- Dessert items 624
- Boxes of Baking Mix 722
- Pasta & Sauce 2881
- Cans of Tuna 949
- Fruit 916
- Cans of Soup 2371
- Boxes of Cereal 772
- Jars of Peanut butter or Jelly 789
- Miscellaneous other items 2152

Total Items collected 20944

~367 turkeys collected

~4184 in cash donations.

315 thanksgiving baskets delivered

Food delivered to:

Milford Food Bank, John Wrigley Food Pantry, Cornerstone Christian Center food bank, Food United Church of Chris Food Pantry, Saint Gabriel Food Pantry, and Food2Kids,

\$250 Donation to Beth El Shelter

Gift Cards distributed to needy families

Charities supported:

Milford Food bank

203 Needy Area Families (203 Milford families)

Cornerstone Christian food pantry

John Rigley Food Pantry

First United Church of Christ Food Pantry
Saint Gabriel Food Pantry
Food2Kids
Beth el Shelter

Over the past Twelve years, Milford Scouts have collected more than 85,000 pounds of food and 3,375 turkeys; and received more than \$21,000 for this cause. The event is supported by numerous local businesses and organizations including Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, Adams Supermarkets, The Milford Bank, Aquinas Consulting, Napoli Foods, Aldi's, Walmart, Target, Trader Joe's, Tri City Appliance, Speed Printing, Mathnasium, Dunkin Donuts, Give the Dog a Bath, Shick/Edgewell, Starbucks, Transicold, Gingerbread House, Dan Perkins, Women Redefining Retirement,

Turkeys collected by year:

2004: 110
2005: 108
2006: 194
2007: 257
2008: 332
2009: 272
2010: 288
2011: 348
2012: 313
2013: 236
2014: 308
2015: 242
2016: 367

3375 Turkeys collected through 2016

Charities supported in past years:

Over 1300 local families
Milford Food Bank
Food 2 Kids
Beth El Shelter
Cornerstone Christian Church Food Pantry
John Rigeley Food Pantry
Saint Gabriel's Food Pantry
First United Church of Christ Food Pantry
Boys and Girls Village
Woodmont UCC Food Pantry
Good Shepard Daycare
Berean Assembly of God
Bridgeport Rescue Mission
Spooner House
Bridgeport Soup Kitchen
Connecticut Food Bank

Notes from emails follow:

From: kevin pelham [mailto:kevin1026@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2009 12:31 PM
To: Gerald Smith
Subject: Food drive results: FW: 100 Service Projects - Newsletter 3

Gerald,

Before the food drive began, I had sent you along with Jim Tampellini and Dennis Lapadual an e-mail regarding the 100 yrs of scouting. Here is some info you may need to complete that form to send it for the food drive, you should also apply for the Good Turn for America patch as well.

Food Drive tallies:

Turkeys: 272

Food Collected: 16,000 lbs

Monetary donations: \$1,700+

fed 200 families as well as donating to 3 local organizations: eth El Shelter, Boys and Girls Village and Milford Food Bank.

Any more information you may need, please feel free to contact me.

Kevin Pelham 

From: kevin pelham [mailto:kevin1026@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2008 10:51 AM
To: Ed Abbazia; Trudy Anderson; Robert Benoit; Bill Elliott; Colleen Fortier; Doug Jones; Dennis Lapadula; Terry Martin; Deeanna Mclenithan; Deb Perrotti; Meladee Ruzbarsky; Damiana Wheeler
Cc: Gerald Smith; Thomas Mercaldo
Subject: T4G results

Well folks, here's the final tally - drum roll please.....

Turkeys: 332

Food: about 12,00 lbs

Donations: just over \$2,000

I would like to take a moment and thank you and your scouts for putting forth another banner performance. Wow, who would have expected numbers like this with the weather we had, not to mention the economic struggles as well. Please convey my thanks to all your Packs and Troop. I hope you all had a great time and lots of fun with this experience, it just keeps getting better every year. Have a great holiday and take care til we meet again. I think it is important we help each other out, so if your pack/troop has an event please let us know so we can try to support it. With that said, I believe that Pack 712 will be selling Christmas wreaths the weekend after Thanksgiving down by the Stonebridge restaurant, please try to support them.

From: Tom Mercaldo [mailto:tmercald@aquinasconsulting.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2007 11:20 AM
Subject: Food Drive Totals

This distribution is to all families in Pack 7

This is just a note to say thanks to all the families that participated in the food drive. The food drive was an overwhelming success. On Wednesday, Doctor Dudley will be thanking all the Mathewson

School Scouts that participated in the drive, and he has requested that we have our boys wear their uniforms to school on Wednesday. We encourage all Scouts to wear their uniforms.

Here's the final totals on food collected:

257 Turkeys

16,000 lbs of food

\$800 in donations

Here's a list of the organizations we supported:

50 local families

Milford Food Bank

Beth El Shelter

Boys and Girls Village

Cornerstone Christian Church Food Pantry

Woodmont UCC

Good Shepard Daycare

First United Church of Christ Food Pantry

Bridgeport Rescue Mission

Spooner House

Bridgeport Soup Kitchen

A truly outstanding job. Thanks to all the scouts that participated.

PS. Special thanks to Kevin Pelham, Food Drive Chairman, Dave Shaw with Always Reliable Party and Tent rentals, Mike Perrotti, Napoli Foods, Tri-City Appliance, Jill Dion, Milford Mirror, and all the folks at Westies Storage, Speed Printing, Shopt Rite and Stop & Shop

Monday, November 20, 2006 1:05 PM

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194 Turkeys

14,000 lbs of food

\$350 in donations

From: furball1026@netzero.net [<mailto:furball1026@netzero.net>]

Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2005 7:36 PM

To: billiho@aol.com; tmercald@aquinasconsulting.com

Subject: THANKSforGIVING thank you

(please send this to all families of Pack 7)

Leader, Scouts and parents of Pack 7,

I just wanted to take a moment to reflect back on this weekend community project. Thank you to all whom had participated, your help was greatly appreciated as well as needed. I had no idea

what to expect from this project, and my emotions were quite mixed. I did have a plan in order but again, had no idea what the outcome would be. Would I have enough food to fulfill my list given to me by the City of Milford, would there be more for others? Questions with no answers, not my cup of tea.....I am more of a need to know person. It seemed as though my other leaders had more faith in the system than I, and well - they were right. Here is what we actually accomplished this week:

We collected 108 turkeys, these turkeys fed the 28 families of Milford, then supplied the Beth El shelter with 15, the Berean Assembly of God were given 21 (whom have a yearly dinner for the needy), 21 more went to a Mission in Bridgeport that Tom Mercaldo knew and last 15 were sent to the food bank for future use. As for food, there was more than enough of that, again the 28 families of Milford had plenty for Thanksgiving and then some extra. The Milford food bank shelves are overstocked, Sheryl Santoro and her assistant Harriet were ecstatic and more than thankful for the effort we had put forth.