

# Beans and Rice, Inc.

## Food Drive Kit



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# Why Have a Food Drive?

## History

Beans and Rice, Inc. grew out of alternative break and service learning classes taught by Dr. Nelda K. Pearson in Radford University's Department of Sociology. These courses began clearly converging into a service oriented path in the spring of 1997 as students were placed in afterschool programs at low income housing units. Several students enrolled repeatedly across semesters, causing Dr. Pearson to create more and more challenging leadership roles. The organization received its charter on April 8, 1997 and its IRS 501 (c)(3) determination letter in January of 1998 to become a non-profit organization. The Radford Rotary Club donated the \$475.00 filing fee. Beans and Rice, Inc.'s founding set a pattern of accomplishing much with little and is symbolized in its name.

## What We Do

Beans and Rice, Inc. improves the economic well-being of low-to-moderate income families through hunger relief, after-school programs that improve educational opportunity for at-risk children, job creation for low-to-moderate income families, and savings programs that help families buy their first home and children save for education.

One way that we work toward hunger relief is through a backpack distribution program that serves the children in our afterschool program. We provide weekly backpacks to over 100 students in the Radford area, who otherwise may not receive a hot meal away from the school breakfasts and lunches served throughout the week. Imagine these kids home for the weekend with little to nothing to eat, and often with no parents there available to provide a meal for them. These children return to school on Monday mornings and their first thoughts may not be their homework or what their friends did over the weekend, but instead to the meal that they have been looking forward to for so long. By preparing backpacks of individually packaged and easy to prepare meal options, we seek to combat the hunger that many of these kids may face.

## Most Wanted Items

- 7.5 oz. cans of Chef Boyardee (Pop-Top or Microwaveable)
- Easy Mac Cups or Pouches
- Vienna Sausages
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Nutrigrain Fruit Bars
- Individual Pudding Cups
- Individual Applesauce Cups
- Individual Fruit Cups
- 100% Juice Boxes
- Shelf-Stable Individual White Milk Boxes
- Individual Goldfish/Cracker Packs

## Tips for a Successful Food Drive

- When deciding dates for your food drive, be mindful of the day of the week and be sure to check the weather forecast.
- Select high traffic areas to set up where displays will be easily noticeable and convenient for donors to access.
- Don't be afraid to approach people. Many may seem hesitant to donate, but a friendly greeting often can go a long way.
- Smile! When approaching potential donors be sure to be friendly and have a smile on your face.

## Food Drive Supplies (Provided by Beans and Rice as Needed)

- Beans and Rice Canopy Tent
- Folding Tables
- Chairs
- Barrel
- Boxes w/ Food Drive Signs
- Aisle Lists (by store)
- Beans and Rice, Inc. /AmeriCorps Information Flyers
- Cash Donation Envelope

## Contact Information

Beans and Rice, Inc. - Radford Office	(540)633-6270
Walmart	(540)731-3378
Wade's	(540)639-9233
Food Lion	(540)639-9725
Kroger	(540)639-0311

## Help Feed Hungry Children In Radford!

Beans and Rice, Inc. could use YOUR help in providing weekend meals for local elementary students. Items needed include:

- 4 oz. Individual fruit cups – **aisle 13**
- 100% Juice boxes – **aisle 13**
- 4 oz. Individual applesauce cups – **aisle 13**
- Individual pudding cups (Snack Pack brand)– **aisle 13**
- 7.5 oz cans of Chef Boyardee – **aisle 15**
- 2.05 oz. Easy mac cups – **aisle 15**
- 4.75 oz. Vienna Sausage Cans – **aisle 15**
- Instant oatmeal packs – **aisle 20**
- Nutrigrain fruit bars – **aisle 20**
- 0.75-1.5 oz. Individual goldfish cracker packs – **aisle 22**
- 8 oz. Shelf stable white milk cartons (Tru Moo or Horizon brands) – **aisle 23**

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- 4 oz. Individual applesauce cups – ***aisle 7***
- Individual pudding cups (Snack Pack brand)– ***aisle 7***
- 7.5 oz cans of Chef Boyardee – ***aisle 5***
- 2.05 oz. Easy mac cups – ***aisle 5***
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# Food Drive Totals

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Pudding	
Fruit Cup	
Nutrigrain Bar	
Vienna Sausages	
Chef Boyardee (Microwaveable)	
Chef Boyardee (Pop-Top)	
Easy Mac Cups	
Easy Mac Pouches	
Applesauce	
Oatmeal	
Crackers	
Goldfish	
100% Juice Boxes	
Milk Boxes	
Other:	
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Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Held: \_\_\_\_\_