

# TIPS FOR QUEENS

## 1. Start Small, Think Big

- Even a few items or a small donation can make a meaningful impact. Every effort counts when combined with others in your community.

## 2. Plan Ahead

- Schedule your food drive or volunteer activity in advance.
- Make a checklist of items you want to collect.
- Coordinate with local pantries, shelters, or community centers for drop-off instructions.

## 3. Be Creative

- Host a themed food drive (e.g., “Breakfast for Dinner,” “Snack Attack”) to make participation fun.
- Use art, social media, or videos to raise awareness and inspire others to give.
- Encourage friends, family, and classmates to participate in group projects.

## 4. Focus on Nutritional Value

- Include protein, whole grains, and fruits and vegetables whenever possible.
- Avoid items that are expired or damaged.
- Personal hygiene items and basic toiletries are always appreciated, too.

## 5. Document Your Impact

- Record hours spent volunteering, items collected, and people helped.
- Take photos, videos, or notes to share in your DRIVE Out Hunger report.
- Keeping detailed records helps you track your impact and inspires others.

## 6. Connect with the Community

- Learn about the organizations you’re supporting.
- Share information with family, friends, and classmates about food insecurity.
- Listen and respond to community needs - sometimes small adjustments can make a big difference.

## 7. Be Safe

- Follow all safety guidelines from food pantries or organizations.
- Use gloves and hand sanitizer when handling food.
- Avoid delivering items alone to unknown locations; always have an adult or team member present.

## 8. Lead by Example

- Encourage others to donate and volunteer.
- Share your experience and inspire your peers to take action.
- Remember: being a delegate means being a role model in service and leadership.

## **9. Keep it Fun and Engaging**

- Celebrate milestones, like reaching a donation goal.
- Create themed events or competitions to keep momentum.
- Show gratitude to volunteers, donors, and the community for their contributions.

## **10. Remember Your Mission**

- Every act of service helps fight food insecurity.
- Focus on the pillars of DRIVE Out Hunger: Donate, Reach Others, Impact Communities, Volunteer, Educate.
- Your leadership can spark lasting change in your community.

