



## Food Donation Guidelines FAQ's

### **1. What types of donations does Moveable Feast accept?**

- We gratefully accept non-perishable food donations. We also accept donations of household items, personal care toiletries, electronic appliances, gift cards and holiday toys are accepted. Please always call ahead to Client Services 410-327-3420 to see what is needed by our clients currently.

### **2. What restrictions are there on food donations?**

- We are only able to accept non-perishable foods which are in original, undamaged packaging (no glass) and still have at least 6 months before their expiration date. We are unable to accept any prepared foods (foods cooked or baked outside of our kitchen). See donation guidelines in attached policy for more details.

### **3. Why doesn't Moveable Feast accept homemade goods?**

- Since we are a medical food program, we have a responsibility to ensure that all of our prepared food is strictly monitored and abide by state mandated sanitary conditions. Commercially packaged baked products are accepted. We LOVE for our volunteers to be involved with food production for our clients. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Angie Elliott (aelliott@mfeast.org) to become involved as a kitchen volunteer.

### **4. What should I do to donate food?**

- Please call our Director of Food Services, Demetrius Sanders, at 410-327-3420 x 20 to confirm that we can accept your donation and to set a time to deliver your donation. Donations are accepted between the hours of 7:00 AM and 1:00 PM. When you arrive, you will be asked to fill out a food donation form, which is required for tracking any food that enters the kitchen.

### **5. What happens to my donation?**

- We send out food donations with our regular food deliveries to clients. We may also use donations for Moveable Feast activities or events.

### **6. Can Moveable Feast pick up my donation?**

- As our vans are committed to serving clients with deliveries and medical transportation, we are unable to send a van to pick up any deliveries.

### **7. Can I host a food drive to benefit Moveable Feast?**

- Yes! As long as all food adheres to the Food Donation Guidelines attached and have been pre-approved by our Director of Food Services Demetrius Sanders at 410-327-3420 x 20 or our Director of Operations, Matt Berg at 410-327-3420 x 19 to confirm and arrange for a time to drop off your food drive donation.

### **8. Can I donate anything other than food?**



- Yes! We accept NEW microwaves, food processors and blenders for client use, as well as Household items. We also accept NEW, UNOPENED toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, body lotion, deodorant, brushes/combs, wash clothes, toothpaste and toothbrushes to distribute to clients in need. We also gladly accept gift cards, both generic and specific cards (i.e. grocery stores, Target, etc.). During Holiday time we accept new toys.

**9. Will I receive an acknowledgement of my donation?**

- Yes! Upon request our development department will send a donation recognition to you by mail. The value of donated items is not determined by Moveable Feast for the donor.

## **Alternative Food Donation Sites**

Men and Families Center (West Baltimore)  
2222 Jefferson Street  
Baltimore, MD 21205  
(410) 614-5353

Rose Street Community Center (West Baltimore)  
821 N. Rose Street  
Baltimore, MD 21205  
(410) 675-1207

Franciscan Center (Central Baltimore)  
101 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Baltimore MD 21218  
(410) 467-5340

Manna House (Central Baltimore)  
435 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
(410) 889-3001

Paul's Place (East Baltimore)  
1118 Ward Street  
Baltimore MD, 21230  
410-625-0775

Outreach Ministry (East Baltimore)  
By Mount Lebanon Baptist Church  
2812 Reisterstown Rd, Baltimore, MD, 21215  
410-669-1800