



PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OF SARATOGA HOSTING ANNUAL FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

In an effort to help families in need this holiday season, the City of Saratoga is proud to announce it is once again hosting its annual Food and Toy Drive. Food and toy donations are already being accepted. The Toy Drive will end on Wednesday, December 16, and the Food Drive will end on Monday, December 21.

“The holidays really are a wonderful time in Saratoga,” Mayor Howard Miller said. “Every year, without fail, our residents step up and show that it truly is the season of giving. We ask the community to help us continue this delightful tradition by donating to our Food and Toy Drive.”

The Food and Toy Drive began soon after staff members Lynette Elliott and Debbie Bretschneider joined the City of Saratoga.

The City collects food for Second Harvest Food Bank and has successfully increased its donations each year. The City collected 2,300 pounds of food last year, which is more than 500 pounds from the previous year.

Food items in demand include canned tuna, peanut butter, baked beans, canned nuts, powdered milk, 100% juice in boxes or cans, and canned vegetables and fruits. Other requested food items include boxed pasta, rice, cereal, and canned soups and stews.

“It’s very gratifying to see how much the Food Drive has grown over the last nine years,” Elliott said. “It’s nice to see familiar faces come in every year to donate. Nothing is better than giving to those in need.”

The Toy Drive began with City employee donations until 2010 when it expanded to include community contributions. The toys collected are given to Sacred Heart Community Service.

This year, Sacred Heart Community Service’s goal is to provide 18,000 toys, bicycles, and books to children in need. It is requesting non-violent toys for infants up to teenagers. Toys should be new and unwrapped.

“I have a child of my own and I remember how his face lit up every Christmas morning when he saw his presents under the tree,” Bretschneider said. “It’s great to see the community come together and bring that kind of happiness to children in need.”

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Food Drive

Joan Pisani Community Center
19655 Allendale Avenue

Saratoga Library
13650 Saratoga Avenue

Prospect Center
19848 Prospect Road

Toy Drive

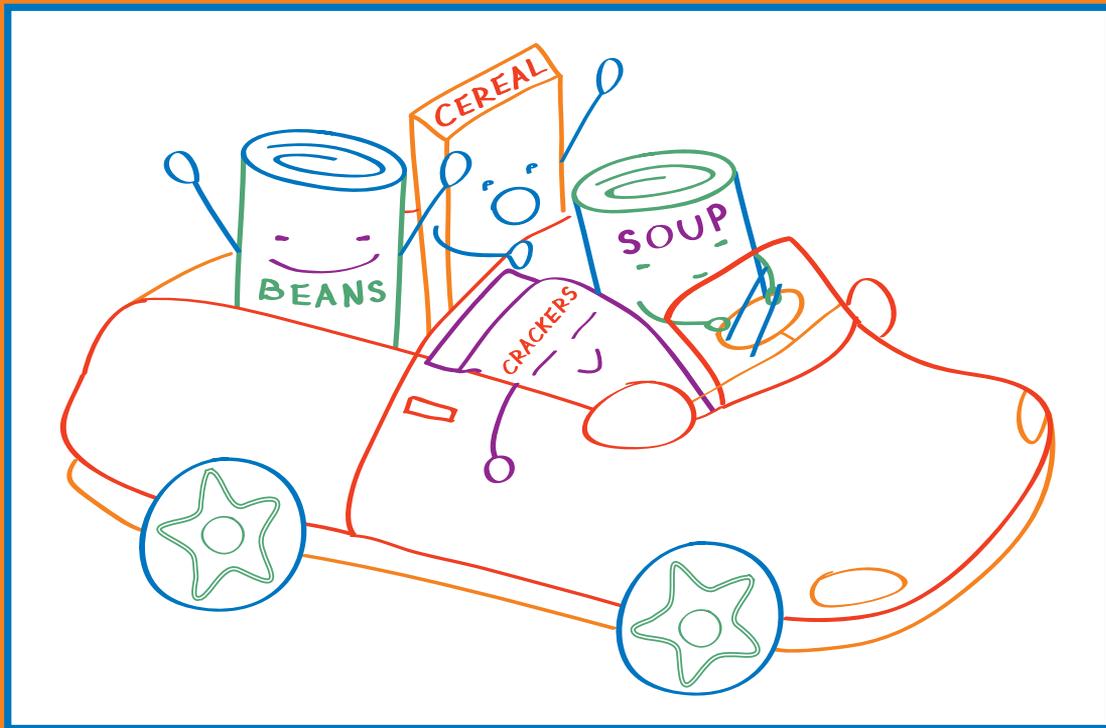
Saratoga City Hall
13777 Fruitvale Avenue

Saratoga Historical Museum
20450 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road



City of Saratoga

2015 FOOD DRIVE



Oct 13th
to Dec 21st

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Non-perishable foods only

Give back to those in need!

Most-needed foods:

Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)

Tuna and canned meat

Peanut butter

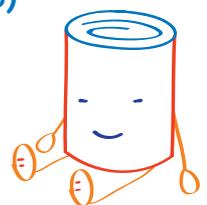
Canned foods with pop-top lids

Low-sugar cereals

100% fruit juices in single serving boxes

Canned fruit packed in juice

Canned vegetables (low salt)





City of Saratoga

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DRIVE

Through Dec. 16

Toys are donated to



Toys should be...

★ New ★ Unwrapped ★ Non-violent

PRE-TEEN ITEMS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED!

Questions? Contact Debbie Bretschneider at debbieb@saratoga.ca.us or 408-868-1269

**DONATIONS CAN BE
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