Win $1,500 for your local food bank!
Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive, March 1-31, 2019

The Kansas ag community is celebrating Kansas Ag Month by helping neighbors in need through the Neighbor to Neighbor statewide food drive. The food drive is jointly hosted by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Dillons Food Stores, Harvesters–The Community Food Network, the Kansas Food Bank, the Second Harvest Community Food Bank and the Kansas agricultural community. Collected food items stay in the areas they are donated.

Who can win? Any 4-H or youth organization within the state of Kansas can win the $1,500 Dillons grocery voucher for their local food bank. There will be one winner selected for each of the four regions.

We would like to invite you to participate in the celebration by hosting a barrel for the Neighbor to Neighbor statewide food drive. Please follow the instructions below to get involved with this event.

Checklist:
- Choose the location you would like the barrel to be located for the month and get permission (if needed). Location ideas: public library, county Farm Bureau office, extension office, school, local business, etc.
- Contact the Feeding America food bank that serves your area (see map) and let them know you would like materials to host a Neighbor to Neighbor food drive.
  - Harvesters- The Community Food Network: 785-861-7750, fighthunger@harvesters.org
  - Kansas Food Bank: 316-265-4421, info@kansasfoodbank.org
  - Second Harvest Community Food Bank: 816-364-3663, ext. 209, ctarr@shcfb.org
- Customize, print and share the flyers provided, or design your own.
- Put an article or press release in the local paper(s). A draft press release is provided.
Each time the barrel is full, contact your local food bank to arrange pickup/drop-off of items. Keep track of the number of the top needed food items collected – photos work great! The top food items needed are:
  o Peanut butter
  o Soup
  o Canned meat
  o Canned fruit
  o Cereal

Post about your total collected on Facebook using #neighbor2neighbor by March 29. Photos or videos are encouraged. You may also send in your results to robin.blume@ks.gov.

At the end of the month, contact the Feeding America food bank to arrange pickup of the barrel.

Please contact Robin Blume at robin.blume@ks.gov or 785-564-6756 with questions. Visit agriculture.ks.gov/ksagday for more information about Kansas Ag Month.