



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The MCSS food program provides monthly food packages to more than 90 families in need of assistance including the elderly, refugees and the poor. Volunteers gather monthly to pack and deliver food in an effort to battle hunger. The food program needs your time and energy to continue this effort and to continue to work on our obligations to our neighbors.

### The tasks we need to accomplish are:

- 1) Packing (starting 10am)
- 2) Deliveries (starting 2pm)
- 3) Produce pickup from Haymarket (8am)
- 4) Meat pickup from Al-Huda (noon)
- 5) Chicken pickup from Haymarket (noon)

The towns we need to cover for deliveries are: Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Charlestown, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, South Boston, and South End. If you can help with deliveries, please contact us which town(s) you prefer to cover and the number of deliveries you can make, so we can plan the routes beforehand.

For further information please contact:

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### Where We Meet, Package & Deliver

#### When:

3rd Saturday of every month  
10am for packing and 2pm for deliveries.

#### Where:

*ISBCC Roxbury Masjid*  
*100 Malcolm X Blvd.*  
*Boston, MA 02120*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
VOLUNTEERING,  
JOIN OUR LIST BY CONTACTING:

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# MCSS

## FOOD DRIVE

**Muslim Community Support  
Service**  
(M.C.S.S.)

A Non-Profit Social Service  
Organization



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*“Never shall you attain to true piety unless you spend on others out of what you cherish yourselves; and whatever you spend – verily, God has full knowledge thereof.” 3:92*

## Other Ways to Help ...

### Why Hold A Food Drive?

MCSS's Monthly Food Distribution Program often serves close to 300 people and is dedicated to distributing food to the needy and hungry in the Greater Boston area. Food is donated to the program by a variety of sources including local food drives.

By holding a food drive, your business, school, religious center or organization you are helping to alleviate food insecurity in Massachusetts. If you are collecting money, please have a designated adult be the primary person to collect the money.

### WHAT KIND OF DONATIONS DO WE EXCEPT

#### *MONETARY DONATION*

Financial donations make a big difference and help in a number of ways. It helps us to purchase perishable and non-perishable foods and food certificates for emergencies or for recipients who have transportation and can shop for themselves, or who need one-time assistance.

#### *NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS*

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Vegetable Soup
- Instant Vegetable/Fish Soup
- Cooking Oil
- Sugar
- Instant Rice
- Breakfast Bars
- Canned Halal/Kosher Meat
- Cereal

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# Organizing a Food and Fund Drive

## GETTING STARTED

Start by assigning someone to be in charge of organizing the food or fund drive. This person can oversee the promotion of the drive, placement of collecting boxes and working with the MCSS program coordinator. Committees can also be formed to handle aspects of the food drive such as promotions, activities, etc.

1. Select the dates of your drive. We suggest holding it for five to seven days, so people have one designated week to bring their items in. No matter what length of time you choose, plan on getting items in after your deadline. Plan on the actual deadline being a few days after the deadline that you publicize.

2. Make some noise! Promote your drive at least two weeks in advance. Publicity is the key to a successful drive. Spread the word to as many people as possible and don't be shy about reminding them. Don't just rely on the printed materials to publicize your drive. Send out an e-mails, voice mails, send faxes, or just simply talk to folks. When people find out how easy it is and what an impact it will make, they will jump at the chance to participate!

3. Distribute printed publicity materials. Print the contact name, address, phone number and drop off point on the posters and flyers and photocopy as many as you need. Recruit friends, family or colleagues to help you distribute the materials to the group who will be participating in the drive. Keep them displayed in public areas such as the front desk, break room, kitchen,

announcement board, classroom, lounge, or neighborhood community center. Make this step a fun activity for your group and it the drive will be a great experience for everyone.

4. Set up the Drop-Off-Point. Make sure the drop off point is easily accessible. Announce its presence by putting up a "Drop Off Point" poster on the door, window, or wall nearby. You can use boxes or barrels to collect the food. Boxes can be decorated for visibility and to add fun to your food drive. Place the boxes in convenient, highly traveled locations of your building such as lobbies, cafeterias, etc.

5. Collect, Collect, Collect! The hard part is over and it's time for you to sit back and watch your group come together to support the needs of the hungry.



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