

4-H



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Make a Difference



Who: All individuals and counties are encouraged to participate!

What: Non-perishable, canned foods, cleaning supplies, and personal items

Where: YLT Booth at the Orr Building on the State Fairgrounds

Why: Help contribute to a statewide community service activity

When: August 14th – 16th



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ILLINOIS 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE STATEWIDE CHALLENGE!



IN ILLINOIS, 1,647,630 PEOPLE ARE FACING HUNGER AND OF THEM, 419,180 ARE CHILDREN.

YOUR TASK:

- Coordinate a county and/or Unit plan to bring food to the Illinois State Fair on your County Exhibition Day
- The top three Counties with the highest number of items of food and/or cleaning/self-care supplies will receive money to support their County during the 2026-2027 4-H Program Year. The county in 1st will get \$300, 2nd will get \$200, and 3rd will get \$100.



- 1 in 8 people facing hunger
 - 1 in 6 children facing hunger
 - People facing hunger in Illinois are estimated to report needing \$1,119,315,000 more per year to meet their food needs. There are 2,400 food banks and pantries in Illinois
- Source: Feeding America



IN ADDITION TO NEEDING FOOD; DONATIONS ARE ALSO NEEDED:

- Laundry soap
- Bath soap
- Shampoo
- Tooth Paste
- Diapers
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper



Creative strategies for securing donations:

- Challenge clubs to reach out in their communities to businesses; partner organizations; and local civic groups to support this effort
- Plan to collect your food at one central location to have a single vehicle or truck deliver the county donation to the Orr Building on your County Exhibit Day

Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team members will be located on the East Side of the Orr Building August 14, 15,& 16