



It's back to school time again! Once again, Saint Katharine Drexel Social Justice Ministry will support of the Yellow Springs Elementary School (YSES) Caring Cupboard. We partner with Brook Hill Methodist Church and the Lions Club of Yellow Springs to provide weekend food bags for students throughout the school year. SKD will deliver weekend food bags for the 2nd weekend of each month beginning with our delivery to YSES in October 2017 and continue through the end of school 2018. The school sends the bags of food home with students each Friday.

The number of students who will participate in the free/reduced breakfasts and lunches at YSES for the 2017-2018 school year will most assuredly increase. Last year the guidance office identified 45 of the neediest of students to receive supplemental food for weekends. Any additional bags are combined with surplus from our partners to cover the final week of the month.

The YSES Guidance office makes the determination as to which students will participate. *None of the support partners have any decision-making responsibility.*

What do we need?

- These are elementary students—this means small hands cannot carry heavy items.
- The food items need to be easily opened by small hands without the use of can openers and can be easily microwaved
- **Individual serving sizes** of the following:
 - Boxes of **individual** cereals or **individual** packs of oatmeal
 - Boxes of chicken noodle soup **envelopes**
 - Containers or packages of tuna (**small**)
 - **Individual** cups of pastas, such as ravioli, beefaroni, stew, etc.
 - Packs of crackers---**NO PEANUT BUTTER**
 - Containers of EasyMac—**NO RAMEN NOODLES**
 - **Juice boxes** or shelf-safe nonperishable milk (**NO POUCHES**—they tear the bags)
 - Snack items: fruit snacks, rice krispy treats, **small** boxes of raisins or craisins,
 - Fruit cups
 - Pudding cups



How can you help?

- Donations of cash or checks in any amount (**payable to Saint Katharine Drexel**, please note **YSES food program** in memo line) will be used to purchase gift cards to local grocery stores for food purchases (also benefits our Mortgage Fund)
- Donations of the above-recommended food items—single food items (e.g. 8-10 pkgs of oatmeal, fruit cups, pudding cups, etc)
- Bulk items (e.g. 12 pkgs. of EasyMac, tuna, pastas), crackers, etc.

REMEMBER, PLEASE:

- **Small hands need small servings and easily opened food items*****
- **NO PEANUT BUTTER** food items or foods with NUTS as ingredients***
- **No heavy cans*****
- **No “re-packaged” food items** (snacks divided into smaller bags)***
- **No homemade food items*****
- *Any food items donated which do not meet the YSES criteria for weekend food bags for students will be donated to Frederick Community Action Food Bank—nothing will be wasted!*

Beginning the month of September and continuing, please bring your food donations to the Gift Card table throughout each month or drop off in the Parish Office during business hours.

Thank you for your continuing support of this critical Social Justice Ministry project.

Saint Katharine Drexel
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