

# The Pantry Project

## Employee intranet or email message about The Pantry Project

Greetings!

As a company-wide effort to fight hunger in Greater Franklin County, we are participating in the Food Pantry Project sponsored by the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area RSVP. The Pantry Project is an effort to collect food for distribution to area food pantries.

### **In Maine:**

- Almost 15 percent of Maine families are not getting enough to eat every day.\*
- Approximately 20 percent of Maine's children are going to bed hungry every day.\*
- As our economy continues to struggle, families are having to make difficult choices between paying for medication, housing, heat, childcare, transportation and food, and their health is suffering.

### **In Greater Franklin County,** things are no different:

- The area's 16 food pantries are serving an average of 2,500 individuals per month.
- Locally, children make up 30 percent of the population visiting food pantries each month.

We can help. You'll notice Pantry Project shelves in **(add location, such as the lobby)**. Please bring in healthy canned or boxed food and help us help others. (A suggested list of food items is posted near the shelves.) We will be collecting food all during the month of **(month)**.

Together, we can make a difference. Thank you!