

[**FACILITIES NEWS**]

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**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT FOOD DRIVE**

This is the time of year when we are all reminded that there are so many Rhode Islanders in need. In support of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, beginning today, December 1st and continuing through December 18th (at the Holiday Breakfast), Facilities Management will hold its 9th annual food drive. **Over the past years, Facilities' staff have donated 5,627 pounds of food!!! Once again, we ask for your generous support with this effort.**

With its mission to alleviate hunger, each month, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank serves 60,000 clients through its network of member agencies across the state, everyone with their own unique story. The statistics for our community (Rhode Island) are astounding: 1 in 8 Rhode Island households lacks adequate food; there is a 12.8% poverty rate, with 130,000 living in poverty; there is a 20% poverty rate for children under the age of 18; and 43,000 children are living in poverty. **We can help.** For more information about the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and the communities it serves, visit the website at <http://rifoodbank.org/>.

Please drop off your non-perishable items at 295 Lloyd Avenue or at the various Custodial key stations. The most needed items are:

- Protein: Canned soup, tuna, peanut butter, and canned & dried beans;
- Canned fruits & vegetables including juices and tomato sauce;
- Carbohydrates: breakfast cereals, whole wheat pasta, brown rice;
- Crackers, granola bars and cheese & cracker package;
- Canned stews and chili; extra virgin olive oil.

Also, **please take note of the expiration dates.** Any item that has expired (six months beyond the expiration date) by the close of the food drive, will be discarded.

- Food item's "use by" or "best if sold by" date should not be over six months old.
- No glass jars of baby food please.
- Boxed cereals and formula are needed if they are unopened and within date code.

We thank you and hope that you will again support this effort.

Sincerely,

John, Mike, and Paul

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