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Share the Spirit of the Season with the MBBA

Mission: Restock the Shelves at the Salvation Army Food Pantry

Springfield, IL-A coalition of MacArthur area businesses, schools and neighbors invites the entire city to SHARE THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON! No matter where you live, work or attend school, members of the MacArthur Boulevard Business Association want you to help SHARE THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON: Together we can restock the shelves at the Salvation Army food pantry. Bring non-perishable food donations to these MacArthur area churches / businesses between Monday, December 1st and continuing through Wednesday December 31st.

South Side Christian Church
Luer's Family Shoes
Wild Birds Unlimited
Illinois Times
The Wardrobe
Don Smith Paint Company

Fact: Each can of food weigh's about one pound. The average family needs 250 pounds of food in an average month. In order to feed 400 families for a month the Salvation Army needs to receive 100,000 lbs of food. If 5000 Springfield area families added just 5 cans of food to their grocery cart each week during December and contributed those cans to this cause we'd be able to feed those 400 families for the entire month of January.

Background: During the early months of 2008 Springfield's Salvation Army facility has been overwhelmed with requests for food assistance --- nearly five thousand more requests in 2008 than in 2007. Along with housing and feeding the homeless, Salvation Army also strives to provide needy families with a month's supply of non-perishable food. But recently their shelves have been bare – there is no food to share. This means many of Springfield's citizens most in need are going hungry.

This project is sponsored by the MacArthur Boulevard Business Association. For information on joining the organization visit www.shoponmacarthur.com. Send your cash contribuiton to restock the food pantry at the Salvation Army to MBBA 1 South Old State Capital Plaza Springfield IL 62701 Please note Salvation Army project on your check.