



SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
of Northeast Tennessee



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Junior Leagues hold annual Food Drive March 3 at Food City locations in Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee

ABINGDON, Va. (February 26, 2018) – The Junior Leagues of Bristol, Kingsport and Johnson City will hold their 28th annual food drive at area Food City locations on Saturday, March 3rd to collect food for Feeding America Southwest Virginia and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee. Food City has co-sponsored and promoted the food drive every year.

The need for food is high this spring and this is the first large-scale, region-wide food drive of 2018. Junior League members encourage everyone to get involved in hunger relief by making a food donation on March 3. Last year the Junior League Food Drive collected 22,404 pounds of food. A goal of 25,000 pounds has been set for this year.

Food collection bins will be available at participating Food City locations starting March 2. League Members will be giving out collection bags at stores on Saturday, March 3. Fliers will be in area newspapers the week of the food drive listing most needed items such as canned meats, peanut butter, canned vegetables, pastas and other boxed goods.

Feeding America Southwest Virginia and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee will receive the food donations from store locations in their respective regions and distribute to non-profit organizations that serve people in need. Both Feeding America Southwest Virginia and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee are members of Feeding America, the Nation's largest Food Bank Network.

The Junior League is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Junior Leagues reach out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism. In

addition to donating to the food drive you can also help by making a monetary donation or volunteer your time at your local food bank. More information is on www.faswva.org and www.netfoodbank.org

About Feeding America Southwest Virginia

Feeding America Southwest Virginia was founded locally in 1981 and proudly commemorates 37 years of fighting hunger and changing lives through community partnerships. For the last three and a half decades, the Food Bank's ultimate mission has remained the same: eliminate hunger in the region. The primary function of the Food Bank is to secure and distribute large quantities of food for Southwest Virginia's hungry. Approximately \$26.5 million worth of food and grocery related products are channeled annually through a network of more than 330 partner feeding programs in our 26-county, 9-city region that provide food or meals to those in need. The local Food Bank is an affiliate member of Feeding America. Visit www.faswva.org for more information or like us on Facebook.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee has led the effort to end hunger in Northeast Tennessee since 1986 and is the only food bank serving the eight county region incorporating Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties. Their mission is to feed the hungry in Northeast Tennessee by securing and distributing food and engaging our community in the fight to end hunger through regional partnerships, programs and education. In addition to serving partner agencies, Second Harvest administers programs that directly benefit individuals and families at risk for hunger. Approximately 10.3 million pounds of food and grocery products were distributed by the Food Bank during fiscal year 2015 serving over 40,000 individuals per month. Visit the Food Bank's website www.netfoodbank.org for more information or call (423)279-0430.

Junior League of Kingsport is a non-profit, all women's organization committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. <http://jlkingsport.org>

The Junior League of Bristol, TN-VA, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Junior League also reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to voluntarism. Website <http://jlbristol.org>

The Junior League of Johnson City is a non-profit organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Website <http://juniorleagueofjc.com>

K-VA-T Food Stores

Headquartered in Abingdon, Virginia, K-VA-T Food Stores (Food City's parent company) operates 135 retail outlets throughout southeast Kentucky, southwest Virginia, east Tennessee, Chattanooga and north Georgia.