

May 18-21, 2024 | McCormick Place | Chicago, IL USA

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE FOOD AND/OR BEVERAGE ONSITE, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

The National Restaurant Association has arranged for unused food and beverage to be received by the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Fight2Feed at the close of Show 2024.

The Food Depository and Fight2Feed are collecting somewhat different items – all will use the same stickers and be collected by Food Depository volunteers at the close of show. The Food Depository staff and volunteers will separate out products between the two organizations based on product types.

**General guidelines – Please note, this is not a complete list:**

**The Food Depository is seeking these items:**

- Fruits, vegetables, whole grains
- Proteins, dairy, non-dairy
- Beverages: water, coffee, tea
- Frozen meals, soups, stews, pasta dishes
- Condiments, cooking staples, sugar, flour, salad dressing
- Processed snacks: whole grain pretzels, crackers, energy bars, healthy snacks

**The Food Depository is UNABLE to accept these items:**

- Opened / Partially used / Damaged goods
- Unlabeled or prepared food
- Soda or energy drinks
- Display cases, furniture, kitchen appliances

**Fight2Feed seeking these items:**

- Prepared foods
- Unlabeled foods
- Sweetened beverages
- Other meal ingredients



Bright orange "DONATION" stickers will be available for pick up at the Freeman Service Center. Floor Managers will also have a supply available to distribute.

**Label products you would like to donate with the bright orange stickers provided.**

Keep all product labeled for donation within the confines of your booth space for pick up.

**We encourage companies to also consider supporting the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Fight2Feed outside of the show. See reverse side for details.**

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## IF YOU WISH TO DONATE BEFORE OR AFTER THE SHOW, DONATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

- **Food to Greater Chicago Food Depository – Visit <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/get-involved/food-industry-donations//> or email [foodresources@gcfd.org](mailto:foodresources@gcfd.org) to learn more about donating product and/or submit a company offer.** Companies of all types and sizes make an impact on our community by donating products. In addition to providing food and hope to our neighbors, you can benefit your business by saving on warehousing/disposal costs, improving sustainability efforts, and receiving financial incentives via tax deductions.
- **Financial Support to Greater Chicago Food Depository – Visit [chicagosfoodbank.org/donate](https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/donate) to donate now.** Monetary gifts are always welcome and support our food purchasing to help provide nutritious foods for our community.
- **Food or financial support to Fight2Feed – Visit [fight2feed.org](https://fight2feed.org) or call 312-244-3724 to connect with Fight2Feed.**

## ABOUT OUR PARTNERS

- The Greater Chicago Food Depository is Chicago's food bank. Their mission is to end hunger by connecting neighbors with healthy food and advancing solutions that address the root causes of hunger.
- The food and product collected is distributed across their network of community-based partners and programs, including food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens and more.
- During FY'23, the Food Depository distributed 92 million pounds of food across Cook County (the equivalent of 76.4 million meals)
- In 2021, the Food Depository collected 40,476 pounds of donated food and products from the National Restaurant Association Show, the equivalent of 33,730 meals for neighbors in need across the Chicagoland area.
- The Food Depository is a 501 (c)3 charitable organization. To learn more about the Greater Chicago Food Depository, visit their website at [chicagosfoodbank.org](https://chicagosfoodbank.org).

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- Fight2Feed is a 501(c)3 charitable organization on a mission to put an end to hunger and reduce food waste, starting with our own communities. They are a 100% volunteer-run organization with chapters in Chicago, Atlanta, and Kansas City.
- Since 2014, Fight2Feed has served over 900,000 meals.
- F2F rescues food from restaurants and food distributors and repurpose that food to provide healthy meals and groceries for the community.
- Every week F2F rescues anywhere from 10,000-20,000 pounds of surplus food from local partners and distribute hundreds of meals and pantry items.
- To learn more about Fight2Feed, visit their website at [fight2feed.org](https://fight2feed.org).

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THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY & FIGHT2FEED THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!