

ORGANIZE A FOOD PANTRY



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Fostering and Adopting in Faith

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Food pantries are helpful for foster or adoptive families who appreciate the support when a child is initially placed or transitions out. Pantries are also helpful during a medical or emotional crisis, weeks with multiple appointments or just to provide a small break. The food pantry can be a place where families receive meal staples for a few days while things settle down, providing additional time for foster parents to begin and build healthy relationships with the child.

Here are some ideas for developing a food pantry:

- Share your idea with church leadership
- Discuss with leadership about providing a designated space and time for food drop off, and space for ongoing storage
- Reach out to families or individuals who might offer storage space in their home or garage
- Request donations of non-perishable food items, canned fruits, vegetables, boxed dinner meals and so forth
- Organize volunteers to pick up, sort, arrange and distribute items
- Ask your children's ministry to hold a food drive
- Advertise the food pantry to your church, foster and adoption support group and children's ministry program

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