



October 19, 2018

Dear St. Xavier Families and Friends,

The **Canned Food Drive** (CFD) at St. Xavier is an Advent tradition. Each year during the months of November and December, students collect food for people in need in both the Greater Cincinnati area and rural Appalachia. In 2017 students collected over 160,000 pounds of food, providing over 30 agencies with much needed supplies and helping over 550 area families. Additionally, students delivered canned goods to several social service agencies in rural Kentucky.

An integral part of the Canned Food Drive is the opportunity to personally help a less fortunate family referred to us by various social service agencies in Cincinnati. This year we have renamed this program **St Xavier HEART to HOME Program** (formerly Adopt a Family Program): from your heart to our neighbor's home. We feel this reflects a more respectful relationship, which is an important characteristic of being a Man or Woman for and with others. As part of the HEART to HOME Program, the "donor" family (a St. Xavier family) specifies the size of the "recipient" family they would like to "provide for" based upon the cost of approximately thirty-five dollars per member of the recipient family. Before Thanksgiving, we will provide you—the donor family—with the information of a recipient family and a list of items, such as canned foods, meats, and blankets, to be purchased and delivered to your family. The delivery date is Saturday, December 8.

To participate in the program:

1. Complete the online registration by November 5, clicking on the link below:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StX_HEART_to_HOME_Participation_Form
2. If you prefer you may mail the form below so that we receive it by November 5.
3. Purchase the food and supplies for your adopted family.
4. Deliver the food and supplies to your adopted family on Saturday, December 8.

Over the years, St. Xavier families have been very generous with their participation in this Program. Last year the St. Xavier community adopted about two hundred families. This is a wonderful way for your entire family to share with those in need.

A list of "Frequently Asked Questions" and a "Grocery List" are available on the St. Xavier website under the Community Service Department Canned Food Drive page, which can be accessed via the "Faith & Ministries" tab on the website. Sometimes we receive inquiries about purchasing gifts for adopted families. You have the option of purchasing gifts, but they are certainly not required as part of this program.

Please contact Linda Gloeckler at heart2home@stxavier.org or 761-7815 ext.529 if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

Linda Gloeckler

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St. Xavier High School Advent Canned Food Drive HEART to HOME Program, 2018

You may submit your registration online using the link below:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StX_HEART_to_HOME_Participation_Form

Or, use the form below and return to:

St. Xavier High School
Community Service Department
600 North Bend Road
Cincinnati, OH 45224

Name: _____

Son's Name & Homeroom (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Size of Donor Family (number of people) you would like to provide for? Circle one:

Small sized family (1-2 people)

Medium sized family (3-5 people)

Large sized family (6-7 people)

Extra Large family (8 or more people)

_____ **If possible, I would like to have the same family as last year.**

If "yes" to above question, please indicate the name of last year's adopted family: (If you do not remember the name, contact us at 761-7815 ext.529.)

_____ **If necessary, I am willing to deliver the items for my family to the agency instead of the family's home**