

FOURTH ANNUAL
Aliprandi Family
REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR
Food Drive

If we're not dealing with a pandemic we're dealing with inflation! The cost of food is at an all-time high and it's hard on all of our budgets. For the people who were already struggling to keep food on their family table, they're struggling even more. We're asking that you do whatever you can – the full 24 day calendar, part of the calendar, a gift card – whatever works for your family. It's amazing the difference we can make when everyone does even just a little.

If you're new to the food drive, here's how it works... Traditional Advent calendars have numbered boxes containing a sweet treat to mark the 24 days leading up to Christmas. We're encouraging you to have a Reverse Advent Calendar! With each day that passes you give something rather than receive— an item of food that will be donated to a local food pantry.

Here's what you need to do!

1. Find a sturdy bag or box and place a food item within it for each day of Advent using the list provided. This is your Reverse Advent Calendar! *(Feel free to include a note of good wishes for the New Year or a drawing from your child.)*
2. Drop off your donation:
KC HALL | 15 North Hickory Avenue | Arlington Heights
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | 1:00 – 5:00 pm

THAT'S IT!

Donations will be delivered to the following food pantries:
Mount Prospect Food Pantry | **Northwest Compass** | **Journeys**

Rather make a cash donation?

No problem! We are accepting \$25 cash donations which will be used to purchase gift cards from local grocery stores. Gift cards can be used to purchase fresh produce and frozen foods not available at local food pantries (Last year we were able to purchase over \$1,900 in gift cards that were divided up between the food pantries!).

At a time when the meaning of Christmas can easily get lost in the chaos of a world gone crazy, what better way to share with your family the true spirit of the season. Create your own Reverse Advent Calendar and count down the days by helping those less fortunate right here in our community.

24 Days of Giving

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| 1 Whole Grain Cereal | 13 Tomato Soup |
| 2 Peanut Butter | 14 Tea Bags/Coffee |
| 3 Cake Mix & Frosting | 15 Canned Corn |
| 4 Canned Fruit | 16 Canned Chili |
| 5 Canned Green Beans | 17 Canned Beans Black, Red, Garbanzo |
| 6 Canned Tuna | 18 Unsweetened Applesauce |
| 7 Canned Stew | 19 Canned Chicken |
| 8 Powdered Milk | 20 Olive or Canola Oil |
| 9 Salt and Pepper | 21 Granola Bars |
| 10 Rice | 22 Instant Potatoes |
| 11 Instant Oatmeal | 23 Stove Top Stuffing |
| 12 Chicken Noodle Soup | 24 Jelly |

PLEASE PURCHASE CANNED GOODS WITH A POP-TOP OR CONSIDER INCLUDING A CAN OPENER WITH YOUR DONATION.

To register please go to AliprandiFamilyFoodDrive.com

If you have any questions please email AliprandiFoodDrive@gmail.com.

Holiday blessings to you from the Aliprandi family!

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