

## Shri Gajanan Maharaj Guru Food Drive



### **WHAT:**

Shree Gajanan Maharaj was first seen picking up particles of food from thrown away patravalis. He said "Annam Brahmeti" meaning Food/Nourishment is Brahman meaning "Nourishment sustains the physical existence of a being".

On the occasion of Guru Poornima on 22nd July, as Shree Gajanan Maharaj devotees we can perform a canned food drive and donate the goods to an organization. This is one of the best 'SEVA' one can offer to feed individuals and seek blessings. Let's together raise the maximum amount of canned foods and make this a huge charity event.

Shri Gajanan Maharaj Bhakta Pariwar across the US can participate in a food drive at their local places.

### **WHAT CAN I DO?:**

As Organizer

Identify local food banks through Google or <http://feedingamerica.org/foodbank-results.aspx>,

For example, Gajanan Maharaj bhakta pariwar of South Florida will be donating through <http://www.foodforthepeople.org/about/contact.html>

Contact shortlisted food banks for list of items, sample list as per south florida pariwar is provided below:

- Baby formula
- Beans
- Canned vegetables
- Cereal
- Cornmeal
- Nutritional drinks
- Oil
- Powdered milk
- Raisins
- Rice
- Textured soy protein
- Wheat flour

Designate one household per location for collection of food cans through friends and families.

Optional: Create flyers to be displayed or distributed in Indian store/Indian restaurants/temples or Companies. (We will soon send sample flyer but feel free to create one)

From May 27<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>, promote Guru Food drive through all possible channels including social networks, email, word of mouth or flyers.

Collect food items, record inventory and donate all collected items on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to your local selected food bank.

Share your location contribution on FB to encourage and motivate others for future events.

Jai Gajanan !!

As Donator

Contact organizer who is near your house and donate canned food before July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

NOTE: Make sure no cash or cheques are accepted. ONLY CANNED FOOD.