

Hunger Report from Lion Dorothy Nilles, Dist. D Hunger Chair  
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Vernon, BC, Canada

Dear Lions Family,

As mentioned in the hunger article in our District D March newsletter, the Leavenworth Lions Club held a successful food drive in their community. Let's follow this example by working with members of our communities to meet hunger needs! Why?

- ❖ This is an ideal time of year to hold a food drive. Weather is improving but food banks are low on supplies.
- ❖ It's good PR; it might attract new members if they see Lions hanging outside the local grocery store, doing such a great thing for the community.
- ❖ It helps Lions to develop partnerships with businesses and community outreach programs in the area.
- ❖ It feels so doggone good!!

There are great benefits from holding a food drive and the ones listed above only scratch the surface.

Another great idea for meeting hunger needs in your community is to get involved with **gleaning** produce. My community, Leavenworth, is fortunate to have a community outreach organization, which has a very active gleaning program, when the local fruit and veggies start to produce. They describe it this way:

"The gleaning program **mobilizes volunteers** to harvest excess or unmarketable produce from local farms, orchards, and backyards. We distribute these fresh local fruits and vegetables to emergency food providers, including our own Community Cupboard."

So, think about asking your club members to volunteer for a gleaning program in this upcoming growing season. And, hey, do you grow a garden yourself, or have a fruit tree, that produces more than you can use? Think about taking that produce to your food bank. And, when you're gone for a few days and your garden is going crazy, and you can't rely on your neighbors to pick the veggies, talk to someone at the food bank about picking your stuff!

Let no one go hungry. We Serve!!