

## **Food Pantry**

### **Materials List**

Below are some ideas of goods and equipment that you may want to have available for your Food Pantry. Note that many, but not all, of the items are things that church members and the community could donate from their own kitchens and pantries. We recommend establishing a permanent donation site at your church for this purpose.

- Storage shelves to keep the food organized and off the floor
- Refrigerator to store perishable items and expand what you have to offer
- Microwave if you have items that need heating
- Food types (to be consumed at school):
  - Bagels and cream cheese
  - Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches
  - Individual cups of applesauce, fruit or veggies
  - Individual cups of soup and oatmeal
  - Instant noodles
  - Granola bars and healthy proteins
- Food types (to be taken home for families):
  - Peanut butter
  - Cereal
  - Canned vegetables
  - Canned fruit
  - Pasta
  - Canned spaghetti sauce and tomatoes
  - Rice
  - Canned chili and beans
  - Canned soup
  - Mac and cheese
  - Tuna or other canned meat
  - Frozen bread
  - Granola bars or other healthy snacks
  - Any available produce
- Can openers for homes without them
- Handcart for transporting deliveries
- Boxes or bags for customers to transport food
- Easy-to-read labels/signs for organization and customer ease (multilingual if applicable)
- Easy recipes that include preparation not requiring a stove