

diabetic FOOD DRIVE



This is a good project to do in collaboration with your pastor and health ministries leader. Talk with your pastor and health leader at least 3-4 months ahead. Arrange to have a health screening, health talk, and food drive on March 15th. Children, youth, and young adults can collect diabetic foods for this event as their contribution to Global Youth Day.

WAYS TO PLAN AHEAD FOR THIS PROJECT.

1. Contact local senior citizen and nursing homes ahead of time, get an idea of how many persons can use this service, and plan accordingly.
2. If your church is small and your youth group is very small, there are ways to increase your numbers and impact your community more. Here are a few ideas:
 - a. Many schools require that students do service learning hours prior to graduation. Contact your local public school and solicit their participation as part of their “service learning hours” requirement. Have them collect canned and other non-perishable foods prior to the event, and invite them to join you in distributing the foods. (This can also be an excellent evangelistic tool.)
 - b. Another idea could be to join with another SDA church in your neighborhood and have a greater impact on the community.
3. Reach out to your local community health service or hospitals and get literature on preventing, controlling, reversing diabetes; information on where persons can go for help; warning signs, etc.
4. Contact local businesses for donations for gift cards to the local grocery store. Most stores will sell cards in small, medium, and large amounts. Stick to the smaller ones and try to include at least one in each bag.
5. Get literature from your personal ministries leader to include in the packets. (Remember, you are trying to get the word out about the love of God and spread the good news of salvation to those you are serving.)
6. Promote. Promote. Promote. Do a flyer to promote the event in the community. Post flyers in supermarkets, schools, community buildings, advertise on free public radio and television stations, etc. You may also want to consider asking other local SDA and non-SDA churches to promote this event for you.
7. Sort, bag, and deliver the food and literature to seniors in the area on the 15th.