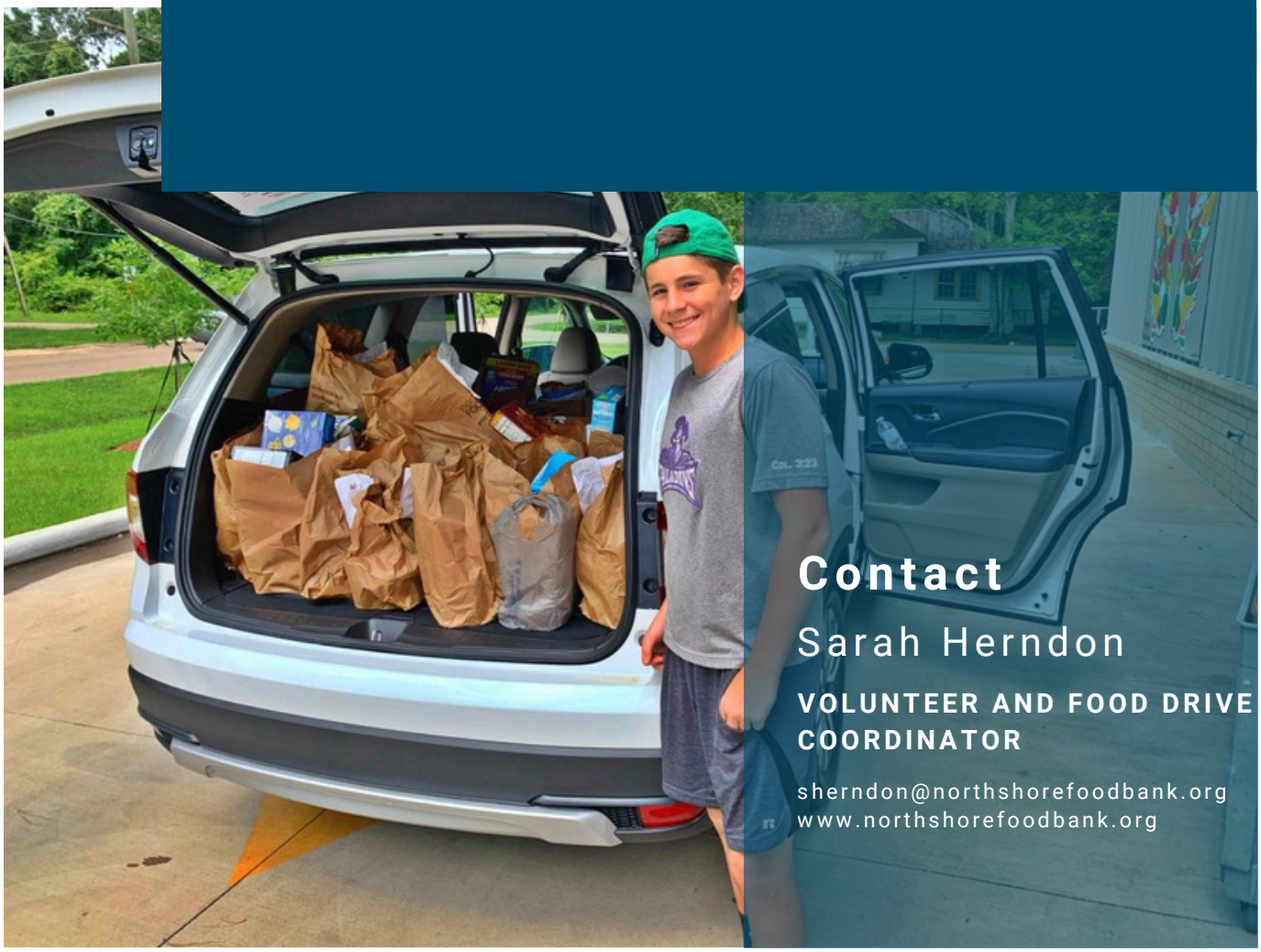
STUDENT FOOD DRIVE
PLANNING KIT



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northshore FOOD BANK

About Us

Our Mission

The mission of Northshore Food Bank is to serve the Northshore community by providing access to basic needs.

Established and located in Covington, LA since 1984, we have served the Northshore, and responded to the needs of thousands suffering from food insecurity. Through our various supplemental food programs, we distribute food and grocery products to roughly 300 individuals and families each week.

Why Host a Food Drive?

Each year, we distribute over 1 million pounds of food on the Northshore. We rely on support from the community to supplement these resources and defer the cost of food we need to purchase. Approximately one third of our food comes from community donations.

Running Your Drive

Set Up Collection Points

Place your collection bags or boxes in high traffic areas (lobby, neighborhood clubhouse, etc). Ask your church, HOA, or favorite local business if you can place boxes with them. You can also give bags to friends and family and ask them to fill them up and return them, or offer to pick them up! If you are in need of food drive boxes or brown bags, please send an email to: sherndon@northshorefoodbank.org.

Tip: Make sure you have an adequate supply of boxes and that they are not too large to carry once filled with donations.

Build Awareness

Encourage your friends and family to participate in the food drive. Use flyers and provide a deadline as well as suggestions on what to donate. Click below for flyers and templates:

- Food Drive Toolkit
- Most Needed Items Flyers

Tip: Asking for the donation of specific items from our Most Needed Items Flyer helps ensure we receive nutritious items we require for our boxes.

Earning Your Hours

Drop Off Your Food

Drop off your donations on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday between 9a-12p at our Community Donations Door on W 29th Ave. If these hours do not work, make an appointment by emailing sherndon@northshorefoodbank.org.

Get Service Hours!

1 lb of donated food = 1 minute of service hours. Make sure you ask for a receipt!

Additional Hours:
1 hour for planning
1 hour for food drive drop-off

Print and bring service hours forms to be signed at drop-off or email forms and your food receipt **(important!)** to sherndon@northshorefoodbank.org.

Extra Credit

Tag us on social media during your drive to receive an additional hour (one time only. You must contact Sarah Herndon to receive this credit.).

Another Option: Go Virtual!

$1 raised=1 minute of service hours.
Host a virtual food drive here:
https://bit.ly/3M2gHpO