



You can participate Cans to Candelaria to benefit the [Weld Food Bank](#) by contributing as an individual, by joining a group/team, or by forming a group/team to collect non-perishable food and money. For every \$1 collected, 6 pounds of food can be provided to families in Weld County.

**Suggestions for how to organize your group/team:**

- Designate a team lead/contact person for your group. This person will direct communication to the group and be responsible for securing money until the drop-off day.
- Provide boxes, barrels or other containers for collection of non-perishable food items.
- Decide on a noticeable and safe location(s) for your collection bins in areas where your target population will donate.
- Label the collection containers with the name of your group – student organization, fraternity, sorority, college, residence hall, athletic team, academic department, etc.
- Encourage creative ways to collect non-perishable food items and money – consider challenging another group or organization!
- Deliver your containers of food items and money to the parking lot west of Candelaria on the designated drop-off day.

Spotlight your student organization, fraternity, sorority, college, residence hall, athletic team, academic department, etc. by challenging other group to see who can collect the most non-perishable food and monetary donations!

**Challenge Suggestions:**

- Residence halls challenge each other to collect the most food items and/or money. Challenges can be floor against floor or building against building.
- Members within clubs can challenge one another, too. For instance, have a “canned soup” collection at the regular club meeting, and the member bringing the most cans gets a prize.
- Faculty members in UNC department, school or college, can organize a group of colleagues to challenge another department, school or college.
- Challenge a local business to match what you collect.

**Highly recommended food items include:**

- Canned tuna/meat
- Canned fruit
- Canned meals/chili/stew
- Canned vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Rice
- Pasta sauce

*Note: 10-pound canned items are discouraged as these are too large for most families*