



Creative Ideas to COLLECT For the COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CENTER

Here are some ways donors have leveraged their contributions :



**Collect a specific food item at meetings

**Charge a bag of food or gift as admission for an event



**Challenge other departments in food/gift drives

**Collect bags of food at bunco, bridge or card games

**At gift exchanges, give a gift you think the other person would have liked as a child, then donate all the gifts to SCS

**Conduct food or gift drives through your neighborhood association

**Talk about what you're thankful for at Thanksgiving and find three ways to make others happy at the Christmas Center

**See how far you can stretch your charitable dollars at sales and challenge others to beat your savings

**Donate the second item at 2 for 1 food sales

**Donate loose change you accumulate in a month

**Donate what you would have spent on presents for family and friends who really don't need anything

**Take your kids to buy gifts they like for others



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