

PHILABUNDANCE needs the help of every **Merion School** family.

Local food banks need our help this time of year. PHILABUNDANCE is a nonprofit organization that distributes nonperishable food items to agencies in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. People in your community rely on **PHILABUNDANCE** to provide food for families with children. Donations of healthy food items, foods that most families typically buy to feed children and teens, will help these agencies the most.

High-Priority Food Items:

The list below includes some of our most needed items. Please request products that are in boxes, cans, or plastic bottles and do not require refrigeration. Bread and baked goods are not ideal because of their short shelf life. All items should be recently purchased and in good condition.

- 🍷 Peanut butter
- 🍷 Canned meats and fish
- 🍷 Canned stew/ chili
- 🍷 Shelf stable milk
- 🍷 100% juice
- 🍷 Breakfast cereal/ oatmeal



- 🍷 Whole grain/ wheat pasta
- 🍷 Nuts/ trail mix/ granola bars
- 🍷 Pasta sauce/ canned veggies
- 🍷 Unsweetened applesauce/ canned fruit
- 🍷 Pancake mix/ syrup
- 🍷 Macaroni and cheese

2018 Food Drive will begin on Friday, December 1 and continue until December 20

FYI: For the past several years, our school, Merion Elementary, has made the largest, single school donation to Philabundance. Last year alone, Merion collected over 7,000 pounds of food for the needy, providing thousands of meals for families in our area.

Thanks to all Merion families for everything you do for our school and community

Monetary donations: please make checks to PHILABUNDANCE, and send to school in a marked envelope