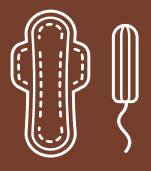


#GreatBigPeriodProductDrive TOOLKIT

PERIOD POVERTY



Period poverty is the lack of access to menstrual sanitary products, tampons and pads, and to safe and clean places to use them – problems closely tied to poverty and under-resourced communities. It affects adolescents and adults.



Period poverty is a **public health issue**, resulting in mental health issues including feelings of shame, hopelessness, and isolation, as well as poor bodily hygiene and significant risks to physical well-being.



One in three (1 in 3) low income women miss work, school, and outings because of a lack of period supplies.

*Source: Alliance for Period Supplies



1. RUN A PERIOD PRODUCT DRIVE

Set a designated drop-off location for people to drop off donations of pads, tampons, and panty liners. Period products of any kind are accepted as long as they are in their new and original packaging. You can also choose to utilize CFBNJ's Amazon wishlist with suggested products. Products can be shipped to your designated drop-off location or directly to CFBNJ.

Please note: If you choose to ship product to CFBNJ, it is unlikely we'll be able to attribute the product donation to an individual drive.

Donations must be dropped off donations at one of CFBNJ's warehouses:

31 Evans Terminal, Hillside, NJ 07205 908-355-3663

6735 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234 609-383-8843

2. HOST AN ONLINE FUNDRAISER

\$25 donated can provide a year's worth of maxi pads for our neighbors in need. Set up a regular or custom page at CFBNJ.org/GBPPD.

Checks are also welcome:
Community FoodBank of New Jersey
31 Evans Terminal , Hillside, NJ 07205
ATTN: Evelyn Chiu
(Add Period Product Drive to Memo)

3. ORGANIZE A PERIOD EQUITY KIT PACKING EVENT

Pick a date, grab your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and collect/purchase items. Check out CFBNJ's "Period Equity Drive Kit" toolkit for ideas.

4. RAISE AWARENESS + ADVOCATE + EDUCATE

Spread the word by sharing the facts on period poverty via social media, emails, and notices to your network. Advocacy is about education and action. In 2023, <u>Bill A 1349</u> which required school districts to provide period products in schools at the state's cost was approved by legislators. Women Fighting Hunger members as well as several other local advocacy groups, wrote to legislators in support of this bill. The work of members educating their network and supporting the bills are essential to getting work completed. <u>Use these fact sheets</u> from the Alliance for Period Supplies and the social assets in this toolkit to spread awareness and educate friends, family, and colleagues.

^{*}Important Note: All items must be new and in original packaging.



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Sample social media posts



PERIOD PRODUCT DRIVE

Do you know 2 in 5 people with periods struggle to afford period supplies? You can be the change. Donate and drop off regular maxi pads, super maxi pads, and panty liners at [INSERT DROP-OFF LOCATION]. #PeriodPoverty #CFBNJ #GBPPD



ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Every \$25 can provide a year's worth of period supplies to a neighbor in need. You can be the change. Donate now at [INSERT FUNDRAISER LINK]. #PeriodPoverty #CFBNJ #GBPPD



PERIOD EQUITY KIT PACKING EVENT

In the U.S. one-third of low-income women report missing work, school, or similar commitments due to lack of access to period supplies. Join us to pack Period Equity Kits on [INSERT EVENT DATE/TIME] at [INSERT EVENT LOCATION]. You can be the change. #PeriodPoverty #CFBNJ #GBPPD



RAISE AWARENESS + ADVOCATE + EDUCATE

Did you know that period products are taxed in 26 states nationwide? Period products are necessities, not luxuries. Sales taxes on period supplies place an unequal burden on individuals who menstruate. #PeriodPoverty #CFBNJ #GBPPD

NEEDED ITEMS Period Product Drive

EVENT DATES:



*Important Note: All items must be new and in original packaging.



*A personalized fundraising page with custom QR code can be provided upon request.



Period Product Drive

DROP OFF HERE

Thank you for providing food, help, and hope to our neighbors in need!





WOMEN FIGHTING HUNGER (WFH)

Women Fighting Hunger is a volunteer group supporting the goals and priorities of the Community FoodBank of NJ. We provide rewarding engagement in the fight against hunger – please reach out if you'd like to learn more about our many volunteer projects or get involved in ongoing work to serve our neighbors in need. We'd love to have you join us! Visit cfbnj.org/womenfightinghunger to learn more.

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY (CFBNJ)

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey (CFBNJ), a member of Feeding America®, has been delivering food, help, and hope across the state for over 45 years. CFBNJ provides 85 million meals of nutritious food annually through its network of more than 800 community partners throughout the 15 New Jersey counties it serves. In addition, it helps under-resourced neighbors with connection to critical resources, nutrition education, and workforce development.

Since 2018, CFBNJ's signature menstrual equity program, the Period Initiative, has provided sustained distribution of monthly period supplies to low-income and sheltered people. Building upon CFBNJ's history as an emergency provider of hygiene supplies and its capacity for large-scale distribution across, the program currently works with over 100 community partners including campus pantries, schools and shelters. We are an affiliated program of the Alliance for Period Supplies.

For more information, contact WFH@cfbnj.org or visit cfbnj.org/GBPPD