

Dear Community:

Each year since 1969 [MEChA de Fullerton College](#) and [The Ethnic Studies Department](#) have collaborated to organize the Fall Harvest Food Drive. In 2018 we distributed full meals to over 150 Fullerton College students and their families, which included approximately 600-750 people. As you may know the California Community College #realcollege report was released earlier this year and the findings are alarming. Over 50% of student respondents reported being food insecure in the past 30 days, 60% reported being housing insecure in the past year, and 19% of respondents were homeless in the past year. You can [read the full report here](#).

One way that you can contribute to alleviating food insecurity on our campus is to participate in the **50th Annual Fall Harvest Food Drive**. There are many ways to get involved! We encourage individuals to organize a team —gather folks in your department, division, student clubs, students in your classes, affinity groups, etc. Challenge and encourage each other to donate and/or volunteer.

Donate non-perishable food items.

Non-perishable food items (canned fruits & vegetables, canned & dried beans, canned cranberry sauce, dry pasta, rice, canned/boxed soups & gravy, nuts, stuffing mix, quick bread/biscuit mix, coffee, tea, hot cocoa mix, etc.) can be dropped off **now through November 22** in any of the designated donation boxes around campus. Most division offices have a box and there is one in the library and one in the transfer center. Another option is to go directly to the [FC Food Bank](#) Room 1955 M-W and let them know that your donation is for the Ethnic Studies/MEChA Food Drive. Please be aware that the health code prohibits us from accepting fresh produce and cooked food. We cannot accept these items.

Make a monetary donation.

All monetary donations are tax deductible (Tax ID # 95-6098253) and will be used to purchase fresh produce and turkeys or turkey vouchers. We gladly accept Kroger, Ralphs, Food for Less, and Smart & Final gift cards. Please turn in all monetary donations to the Social Science Division Office Room 1415 before November 22. **In order to serve the same number families as we did in 2018, we need to raise \$2,500. With your help, we know we can meet or exceed our goal!**

Volunteer.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with picking up donations across campus each week and to organize and distribute the food on November 25-26. Students should email mechadefullertoncollege@gmail.com or rodriguezjacquelin57@gmail.com to sign up.

Volunteering for this event (and all ethnic studies events) is approved for service learning credit. For more information please contact Dr. Delgado, volunteer coordinator zdelgado@fullcoll.edu

Promote.

Please spread the word far and wide. Forward this email, post the attached images to your social media pages, and print the attached flyer. Thank you for your support with this important campus-wide event.

In solidarity,

The Ethnic Studies Department & MEChA de Fullerton College

Please direct general inquiries to fceths@gmail.com and write "Food Drive" in the subject line.
