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MLK Food Drive in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. to begin April 12 thru April 26

Rock Island, IL — In honor of the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., members of the Quad City Disabilities Awareness Coalition are teaming up to hold a community wide food drive to benefit local food pantries. The MLK Food Drive will take place **April 12 thru April 26** and will involve 17 local food pantries, 38 drop off locations in the greater Quad Cities area, and 16 different non-profit partners that serve people with disabilities.

WHO: The Disability Awareness Coalition

WHAT: The MLK Food Drive

WHERE: Text "1" to 309-248-5900 to see list of drop-off locations

WHEN: April 12 thru April 26

The Quad Cities Disabilities Awareness Coalition represents organizations that serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. People with disabilities have a lot to offer their community, and can give back in a variety of ways. The MLK Food Drive is an opportunity to redefine what people with disabilities are capable of when given the occasion to serve because we are all at our best when we serve others.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy was bringing people together to solve problems through civil service. He said, "Everybody and be great, because everyone can serve." The MLK Food Drive engages volunteers with and without disabilities to work hand-in-hand to serve people in need. Volunteers will be picking up non-perishable donated items and delivering them to local food pantries to address food in-security in the Quad Cities.

THE MLK FOOD DRIVE IS SEEK DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITMES:

- **Meat and high-protein:** Canned items, including meat, tuna, ham, salmon, stew, chili, spam, peanut butter, soups, beans
- **Canned fruits and vegetables**
- **Carbohydrates:** Boxed cereal, oatmeal, flour, instant mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, rice
- **Allergy-friendly products:** Soy, almond and rice milk, gluten-free canned/boxed soups, rice pasta, gluten-free mac and cheese, rice cereal
- **When selecting canned items, please choose pull tabbed items if possible.**



FOOD ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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<p>Coal Valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert R. Jones Public Library – Coal Valley <p>East Moline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHAEC • Individual Advocacy Group <p>Milan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milan Hy-Vee <p>Moline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moline Library • Hy-Vee on the Avenue • Gigi’s Playhouse • EveryChild • Tax Slayer Center <p>Rock Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock Island Parks and Recreation • Athletico – Rock Island • Arc Building • Arc Industries • Rock Island Hy-Vee • Rock Island Library Downtown • Rock Island Library SW Branch • Skeleton Key Art & Antiques • Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living <p>Silvis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silvis Hy-Vee • Athletico – Silvis • Silvis Library 	<p>Bettendorf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bettendorf Hy-Vee • Hand in Hand • Athletico – Bettendorf • Bettendorf Public Library <p>Davenport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletico – Davenport • Rockingham Rd. Hy-Vee • West Kimberly Rd. Hy-Vee • Northgate Hy-Vee • Utica Ridge Hy-Vee • West Locust St. Hy-Vee • HDC • Roosevelt Community Center • Davenport Community Center • Davenport Public Library downtown • Davenport Public Library Fairmont • Davenport Public Library Eastern • Famous Dave’s • Zeke’s Island Café



Members of the QC Disability Awareness Coalition will be re-distributing donations to Quad City food pantries. Disability Awareness Coalition members include; The Arc of the Quad Cities Area, The Arc of the Quad Cities Iowa, HDC, TQCSHA, Davenport Parks & Recreation, Kiwanis Aktion Club, Special Olympics Illinois, Gigi's Playhouse of the Quad Cities, Camp Courageous, Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living, Hand in Hand, Special Olympics Iowa Scott County, Project Search, New Kingdom Trailriders, Individual Advocacy Group, & EveryChild.

The Food Drive is administered by The Arc of the Quad Cities Area courtesy of a grant through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that leads the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, to help plan and execute volunteer projects that unite Americans in service for the MLK Day of Service and throughout the year.