

# **OPERATION HARVEST** Community Food Drive • **October 7, 2017**

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## YAKIMA'S LARGEST ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE UNDER WAY

The Rotary Clubs of Yakima are rallying their forces for another year in support of area food banks. The three service groups (Downtown Rotary, Southwest Rotary, and Sunrise Rotary) have gathered food and cash donations for 35 years to help feed the hungry in our community.

*Since I moved here almost three years ago, I have been most impressed by the extraordinary generosity of this community. When the need exists, people respond. Whether with food or cash donations, everyone can contribute, large or small, and make a difference in our community.. – Charlie Robin, co-chair for Operation Harvest.*

On October 7, 2017, 200+ volunteers from all three clubs and throughout the community come together in a city-wide effort to collect food to be distributed to local food banks. Volunteers drive through the neighborhoods collecting non-perishable food left on the porch. Everyone wishing to participate needs to leave food items in a plastic or paper bag on their porch for easy pick up by volunteers. Food needs to be placed by 9am for pick-up between 9am and Noon on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Area businesses are also participating to collect cash donations and food items in the weeks leading up to the official collection day. Those wishing to get involved can contact Yakima Rotary for more details.

Rotary is a leadership organization made up of local business, professional, and civic leaders. The groups meet regularly, get to know each other, form friendships, and through this are able to get things done in this community.

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