Tis' the Season to "SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS" with the Coastal Bend Food Bank and KIII-TV! We are thrilled to invite your school to join us for the 38th Annual Share Your Christmas Food Drive. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of families in need this holiday season.

## Why Participate?

This initiative is a way to help feed families in need during the Holiday Season. All schools in the **eleven-county service area** are invited to participate by collecting canned food and monetary donations for the Coastal Bend Food Bank.



Not only will your efforts help local families, but your school also has the chance to win one of three **Grand Prizes** of \$800, sponsored by three generous donors, and awarded to the top-performing schools in the **small**, **large**, and **rural school categories**.

#### How to Reach Your Goal:

• Encourage your students, staff, and school community to join the Share Your Christmas Peer-to-Peer Challenge!

Invite friends, family, and neighbors to support your school by giving online or collecting non-perishable food. Every \$5, \$10, or \$20 gift helps families right here at home—and your school gets credit for every donation made through its fundraising page.

### **Getting Started Is Easy**

- Step 1: Click "Become a Fundraiser."
- Step 2: When the "Start Fundraiser" pop-up appears, select "Create a Team" and name it after your school.
- **Step 3:** Create your account.
- Step 4: Share your school's fundraising page with your community and invite them to donate and spread the word!
  - Every \$5 donated provides 20 Christmas meals!
  - Every 5 lbs. of non-perishable food collected equals \$1!

How to Participate: If your school is interested in being part of this year's drive, please submit a completed form to Michael Rodriguez at <a href="mailto:merodriguez@coastalbendfoodbank.org">merodriguez@coastalbendfoodbank.org</a> and Joel Vasquez at <a href="mailto:jvasquez@coastalbendfoodbank.org">jvasquez@coastalbendfoodbank.org</a>.

## **Key Dates:**

- Contest Dates: Monday, October 6 Wednesday, December 10, 2025
- Collection Arrangements: The Coastal Bend Food Bank will reach out to schools to arrange the collection of food donations after *December 2*
- **Monetary Donations:** Cash donations cannot be accepted. All monetary donations must be submitted via **check or money order** no later than **December 9** to be counted in the final tally.
- **Final Tabulations:** All canned food and online monetary donations will be calculated and finalized on *Wednesday, December 10*
- The school with the highest monetary donations will be announced on KIII-TV during the **Share Your** Christmas event on *December 10, 2025* and we will invite the winning schools to be present for the check presentation, which will be featured on-air that evening.



Let's work together to make this holiday season brighter for families in need. Thank you for your support and dedication to making a difference in our community!

# 2025 School Participation Form

School Name:			
Address:	City:	Zip Code:	_
Point of Contacts			
Principal Name			
Principal Email			
Principal Phone			
1st POC Name			
1st POC Email			
1st POC Phone			
2 <sup>nd</sup> POC Name			
2 <sup>nd</sup> POC Email			
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For any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. We look forward to seeing your school participate and help spread the joy of giving!

Please submit your completed form by Friday, November 21, 2025