



**Blacksburg
Rotary Club**
Rotary International
District 7570

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Food Drive for Local Food Pantry

Each October 16th, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations celebrates World Food Day, which is the date that marks the FAO's founding in 1945. One of the objectives of World Food Day is to heighten public awareness of the problem of hunger in the world. The Blacksburg Rotary Club participated in this year's event by hosting its second annual food drive to benefit the local food pantry of the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program which assists families and individuals in immediate, temporary, and emergency situations.

"One can or box of food from each person can add up significantly," said Alec Siegel, co-chair of the food drive.

"It was a simple team effort between members and local businesses that netted a lot a lot of donations for our food pantry."

Blacksburg Rotary members contributed individually bringing in food to the noon meetings and additionally got their places of work involved. Warm Hearth, a local retirement community, collected 352 pounds of food for the drive. The Club also coordinated with the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center where there was a challenge between buildings to collect the most food through the "Burst a Box" campaign. About 26 large boxes of food were collected.

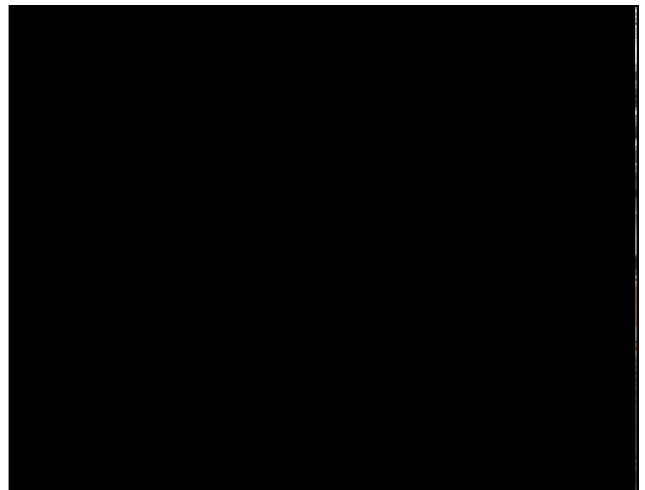
The Club hopes to have an even larger collection next year.

About Us:

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg (club #5753) began in 1978 and today consists of over 100 members who meet at noon on most Thursdays at the Blacksburg Country Club. To learn more about the service of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg see its Web site, www.blacksburgrotary.org.



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The Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center teamed with Rotary on the food drive in a "Burst of Box" challenge between buildings.