Metro Denver Food Halls Team Up for Food Drive to Support Local Food Banks This November

Inspired by cuts to SNAP benefits, six local food halls launch friendly competition to collect donations for Colorado families in need

DENVER, CO. — November 2025 — As more than 600,000 Coloradans face potential SNAP benefit reductions this November, six metro Denver food halls are launching a collaborative food drive with a competitive twist: a month-long challenge to see which venue can collect the most food and essential pantry items for local nonprofits serving communities in need.

A Food Hall Food Drive for Food Banks will run throughout November at Edgewater Public Market in Edgewater; The Golden Mill in Golden; Stanley Marketplace in Aurora; Freedom Street Social in Arvada; and Denver Central Market and Avanti Food & Beverage in Denver.

Each participating food hall has partnered with a local nonprofit organization:

Edgewater Public Market — benefiting JeffCo Eats
The Golden Mill — benefiting BGOLDN
Stanley Marketplace — benefiting Village Exchange Center
Freedom Street Social —benefiting Community Table
Denver Central Market — benefiting Kaizen Food Rescue
Avanti Food & Beverage — benefiting Bienvenidos Food Bank

Participating venues will encourage their communities to contribute items specifically requested by their nonprofit partners while tracking total donations. The food hall that collects the most items earns bragging rights and helps fill critical gaps in food security across the metro area.

“Marsha at The Tangled Ball suggested a friendly competition among food halls to help Coloradans who are about to lose SNAP benefits, and we just ran with that idea,” said Dan Vivacqua, general manager of Edgewater Public Market. "It's a perfect way to mobilize our communities around a cause that matters."

While physical donations are welcomed and encouraged, each food hall will also promote financial contributions to their partner organizations. “Donated items are great, and people love

the act of shopping for others," Vivacqua said. "But these nonprofits can stretch monetary donations further and address specific needs in real-time."

Each food or market hall will add collection bins to their common areas by or on Monday, November 3, which will remain available through the end of the month.

For more information about donation needs and who's leading the race, visit each participating location's socials: @edgewaterpublicmkt, @the_golden_mill, @stanleymarketplace, @freedomstreetsocial, @dencentralmkt and @avantifandb.

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