

# Fox Valley's hungry will be winners in the United Way Souper Bowl

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AURORA — In the Fox Valley, the “Souper Bowl” will be on Saturday — the day before the big football game.

That's when Fox Valley United Way, local Jewel-Osco stores, Prisco's Fine Foods in Aurora and the Montgomery Market Place in Montgomery join forces with shoppers and dozens of volunteers to replenish supplies at two local food pantries, the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and the Kendall County Food Pantry in Yorkville.

“The number of people seeking food assistance is still rising in our area and at least half of those now be-

ing helped are children,” Fox Valley United Way CEO Mike Meyer said of the Souper Bowl drive. “Donations to the food pantries decline after the holidays, and that limits their ability to serve hungry families.”

Fox Valley United Way and its supermarket partners are asking shoppers to purchase a few extra non-perishable items and hand them to United Way volunteers when they shop on Saturday.

Fox Valley United Way volunteers will be at each participating food store from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to accept donations. Pastas, breakfast bars, peanut butter and jelly, canned or packaged soups, crackers and rice are among

the non-perishable items the food pantries need.

A list of suggested items can be found on the United Way website, [www.uwfoxvalley.org](http://www.uwfoxvalley.org).

Cash donations also will be accepted at the stores or at the Fox Valley United Way website.

Participating Jewel-Oscos include stores on Eola Road, West Galena Boulevard and North Lake Street in Aurora; Veterans Parkway in Yorkville; Orchard Road and Route 30 in Oswego; and Route 47 in Sugar Grove.

Montgomery Market Place is at 1525 Douglas Road in Montgomery and Prisco's Fine Foods is at 1108 Prairie St. in Aurora.