

Barker Specialty Gives to The Cheshire Community Food Pantry

As a family business rooted in Cheshire, CT, Barker Specialty was inspired by the opportunity to help support The Cheshire Community Food Pantry when they announced the great need for non-perishable foods. During summer months children are home from school, placing a larger weight on families to supply meals, in turn nearly depleting the pantry's stock. Barker Specialty not only understands the importance of supporting local businesses, but doing what we can to help our neighbors and friends whenever we can.

In the spirit of friendly competition, we split into four groups, assigned by birth month to combine people from different departments who may not interact with one another on a daily basis. The four groups were challenged to see which team could collect the most amount of non-perishable goods for the pantry. Over the course of two weeks the teams brought in food and put them in their designated boxes. The boxes were located in our main showroom, so staff and visitors alike would see the efforts made to collect non-perishables, with the goal to continue to inspire more people to donate. It was a great way to start the day by seeing the growing piles of peanut butter, pastas, canned vegetables, fruit cups and so much more. Within two weeks we tallied the number of items and counted 1,200! The pantry was thrilled to be able to collect these items and refill their shelves with an abundance of food varieties for families to enjoy. It was truly rewarding to see what we can do as a company when we all pulled together for a meaningful purpose!