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Organizers of Share the Spirit Food Drive (from left) Donna Prichard, Amy Taylor, Valerie Moore, and Tracey Snapp meet to plan upcoming drives.



Valerie Moore reviews her agenda.



Tracey Snapp discusses her plans with the group.

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Share the Spirit Food Drive comes to local neighborhoods

By **Lindsay J. Spaulding**

BROWNSBURG — Three Brownsburg ladies are behind the food drives that are spreading throughout neighborhoods here, and soon to other towns in Hendricks County.

Valerie Moore, Tracey Snapp, and Donna Prichard were the founders of Share the Spirit Food Drive, and Amy Taylor recently joined the team.

The roots of the organization come from when Snapp did a food drive with her two sons around the holidays two years ago, as a way to show them that giving is more important than receiving. She and the other women learned that while food pantries need food during the holidays, they need it most in the spring and summer when people tend to forget about donating.

The ladies have created a year-long calendar that covers all of the neighborhoods in Brownsburg and Pittsboro. They have already collected from all of the Pittsboro neighborhoods, and are now working on Brownsburg. Beginning in June, they will start collecting in Avon, then eventually in the other Hendricks County towns.

In order to make the project successful, they rely on neighborhood "captains," or people who distribute flyers before the collection, then go around and collect the donations.

The way the drive works is that the flyers explain about the project, and ask residents to leave a sack of donations on their front porch on the designated pick up day. Suggested items are non-perishable food items, clothing items, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. The items are then taken to food pantries in the town they're collected from.

Snapp said the food drive is a great way for parents to involve their children in service projects.

The organization is in need of captains from Avon, Danville, Plainfield, and other areas within the county. They said they also need paper grocery bags, a printer who's willing to offer discounted copies, and colored computer paper, stationary, and stamps.

Habit of the Heart gave the group a \$250 grant that was used to purchase stamps and to help pay for the flyer printing costs.

They are in the process of working with the Hendricks County Community Foundation to become a non-profit organization.

Upcoming pick up dates for Brownsburg are Northern Acres, April 28; Lakeridge, April 29; Ironwood, May 20; Tilden Terrace, May 20; and dates are yet to be determined in May for Williamsburg Village and Arbor Springs.

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