

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## McHenry County Department of Health's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Dropbox Donation Drive to Launch May 1

MCHEMRY COUNTY, IL – The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH), along with community partners, is excited to launch the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Dropbox donation drive to support local veterans. The month-long drive will run from May 1 to May 31, taking place across McHenry County at participating businesses, churches, and organizations.

During the month of May, the following items (new and unexpired) will be accepted at participating dropsite locations:

Progresso/Chunky Soups	Sardines	New Pillows
Chef Boyardee	Shelf-Stable Milk	Manual Can Opener
Hormel Chili	Salad Dressing	Household Cleaners
Canned Beef Stew	Laundry Detergent	Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.)
Corned/Roast Beef Hash	Dish Soap	Plastic Silverware, Paper Plates, and Bowls
Manwich	Condiments	Garbage Bags (13-gallon and 65-gallon bags)
Canned Chicken/Tuna/Spam	Apple Sauce	Full-Size Personal Hygiene Products
Macaroni and Cheese	Fruit Cups	New Socks (men and women)
Bottled Juice (all varieties)	Cereal	Coffee Pots and Supplies
Canned Fruit	Sugar	Cookware (pots, pans, utensils, etc.)
Granola Bars	Peanut Butter / Jelly	Walmart Gift Cards and Gas Cards

All supplies donated will directly support Veterans Path to Hope, a local organization whose purpose is to support local veterans in need in the areas of housing and employment assistance, transitional living, basic needs (food, furniture, household goods, etc.), peer support activities, caregiver training, and counseling.

To make this event possible, the MCDH has partnered with Veterans Path to Hope, McHenry County Veterans Assistance Commission, McHenry County Division of Transportation, and volunteers from the McHenry County Medical Reserve Corps.

Operation Dropbox, now in its fifth year, is an annual county-wide donation drive that runs during the month of May. Donations are collected at drop site locations throughout McHenry County by Medical Reserve Corps volunteers and delivered to Veterans Path to Hope.

For a full list of participating dropsite locations, please visit [bit.ly/Operation-Dropbox-MCDH](https://bit.ly/Operation-Dropbox-MCDH).

For more information about Veterans Path to Hope, please call (815) 321-4673 or visit [veteranspathtohope.org](https://veteranspathtohope.org). For more information about the Operation Dropbox donation drive, please visit [bit.ly/Operation-Dropbox-MCDH](https://bit.ly/Operation-Dropbox-MCDH), email [health-nursing@mchenrycountyil.gov](mailto:health-nursing@mchenrycountyil.gov), or call (815) 334-4500.

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**Current Dropsite Locations:**

<p><b>Algonquin</b> Algonquin State Bank (2400 Huntington Drive North) Algonquin State Bank (800 East Algonquin Road)</p>	<p><b>Lakemoor</b> Lakemoor State Bank (500 W. Route 120)</p>
<p><b>Cary</b> Cary Area Public Library (1606 Three Oaks Road) Cary Dairy Ice Cream Café (395 Cary Algonquin Road, Suite E) CrossFit AMRAP (760 Industrial Drive, Unit B) Village of Cary (755 Georgetown Drive)</p>	<p><b>Marengo</b> HyperStitch (219 E. Grant Highway) Karsten's Tire and Auto (102 Franks Road) Marengo-Union Library (19714 E. Grant Highway)</p>
<p><b>Crystal Lake</b> Algonquin Township (3702 US Highway 14) Bickford Home Care (780 McArdle Drive, Unit C) Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County (630 N. IL Route 31) Crystal Lake Health Foods (25 E. Crystal Lake Avenue) Encore Memory Care (495 Alexandra Boulevard) Fireplace &amp; Patio (4410 IL Route 176, Suite 5) First Congressional Church of Crystal Lake (461 Pierson Street) Home Depot (4447 US Route 14) Home State Bank (40 Grant Street) JA Frate (7900 Pyott Road) McHenry County Conservation District (2112 Behan Road) Pediatric Associates of Barrington (525 E. Congress Parkway, Suite 220) Pinemoor Pizza (11 Crystal Lake Plaza) Raue Center for the Arts (26 N. Williams Street) Salon Cora (12 Crystal Lake Plaza) Senior Lifestyle Solutions (282 Memorial Court, Suite A) Willow Creek Community Church (100 S. Main Street)</p>	<p><b>McHenry</b> City of McHenry (333 S. Green Street) First Midwest Bank &amp; Trust (3814 W. Elm Street) HealthMarkets Insurance Santos Agency (1222 N. Green Street) Istitchdesigns (2311 N. Ringwood Road) JA Frate (1202 US Route 31) McHenry Savings Bank (353 Bank Drive) McHenry Township Fire Protection District (3610 W. Elm Street) Peak Medical Home Care (616 State Route 31, Suite A) Q'tiques (4314 W. Elm Street) River East Public Library (813 W. IL Route 120) Reeses Bakery and Pawtique (1313 N. Riverside Drive) Siren Records (3902 Main Street) VFW Post 4600 (3002 W. Route 120)</p> <p><b>Port Barrington</b> Village of Port Barrington (69 S. Circle Avenue)</p> <p><b>Prairie Grove</b> Village of Prairie Grove (3125 Barreville Road)</p>
<p><b>Fox Lake</b> Infinity Dental of Fox Lake (1394 S. US 12)</p>	<p><b>Richmond</b> McHenry Savings Bank (10520 N. Main Street) The Richmond Township and Road District (7812 IL Route 31) Village of Richmond (5600 Hunter Drive)</p>
<p><b>Harvard</b> Community Health Partnership of Illinois (62 N. Ayer Street) Country Financial (32 N. Ayer Street) Harvard Diggins Library (900 E. McKinley Street) The Harvard State Bank (35 N. Ayer Street) Harvard Savings Bank (58 N. Ayer Street)</p>	<p><b>Ringwood</b> Joseph H. Huemann &amp; Sons Inc. (5205 IL Route 31) McHenry County Conservation District (6316 Harts Road)</p>
<p><b>Hebron</b> The Harvard State Bank (9605 Main Street)</p>	<p><b>South Barrington</b> Mooney Lyons (1 Executive Court, Suite 5)</p>
<p><b>Huntley</b> First National Bank of Omaha (11700 S. IL Route 47) Huntley Park District (12015 Mill Street) Huntley Realty (13320 Village Green Drive) Papa Saverios (12070 Princeton Road) Pinecrest Golf Club (11220 Algonquin Road) St. Mary Catholic Church (10307 Dundee Road)</p>	<p><b>Spring Grove</b> Spring Grove State Bank (7500 Meyer Road)</p>
<p><b>Johnsburg</b> McHenry Moose Lodge #691 (3535 N. Richmond Road) McHenry Savings Bank (4000 N. Johnsborg Road) McHenry Township (3703 N. Richmond Road) Johnsburg State Bank (3503 Chapel Hill Road) St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (2302 Church Street) Village of Johnsborg (1515 Channel Beach Avenue)</p>	<p><b>Wonder Lake</b> East End Pizza and Ice Cream (7431 Hancock Drive) Wonder Lake State Bank (East – 7526 Hancock Drive) Wonder Lake State Bank (West – 3316 Thompson Drive)</p>
<p><b>Lake in the Hills</b> Arden Rose Senior Living (700 E. Oak Street) Arden Rose Home Care Senior Living (840 E. Oak Street) Butcher on the Block (4660 W. Algonquin Road)</p>	<p><b>Woodstock</b> Cedarhurst of Woodstock (10511 US-14) Consumer Credit Counseling of Northern Illinois (13707 W. Jackson Street, Suite B) Ed's Automotive (1110 Broadway Avenue) Down 2 Earth (107 E. VanBuren Street) MyWay Studio Massage Therapy, LLC (227 N. Throop Street) McHenry County Administration Building (667 Ware Road)</p>