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# Contract #5 Bulletin

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*This bulletin is part of a series distributed by staff at your school to provide regular updates on our negotiations for a new contract to succeed our current agreement which expires on June 30, 2012.*

## Let's show the city what we really give!

Again this fall, the CTU will conduct a huge holiday food drive—only this year the donation will help to show the city how much work we really do as educators.

We are asking Contract Action Committees to get every member in your school to bring in one can of food for every hour of extra work that he/she performs in a week beyond the regular hours of school. In other words, count up all the time you put in planning and preparing before and after school, the time you spend grading, meeting, calling, shopping for students, working with clubs, and everything else you do.

With hundreds of schools collecting cans, we will then coordinate very large regional 'drop-offs' where we invite the public and the media.

We think that the image of our members donating mountains of food during the holidays will

draw attention to just how much we give—not only in donations, but also in time and effort.

For now, focus on getting every teacher and PSRP to participate in this food drive and have the cans ready by December 5.

Up to this point in the school year our Contract Action Committee have focused on sharing information and building unity in our buildings—we have been building phone trees, distributing bulletins, holding meetings, and wearing red on Fridays.

These activities are still important, and if you haven't been doing them, there's still time to start! However, now we want to begin doing work that people in the community and the rest of the city can see.

### **Holiday Food Drive with a Purpose**

**Who:** Every member in your building.

**What:** One can of food for every hour of extra work in a week.

**When:** Have cans collected by December 5th.

**Why:** Show the public how much we give

**Getting started:** Convene a meeting of your Contract Action Committee. Make plans to talk to every member about participating in the food drive. You may want to develop a poster for your staff.

**Choose a date** to start collecting the cans.

Figure out where to store the canned goods.

How can they be creatively displayed to showcase how much your staff gives every single week?

**Call Carolyn Fulton** at 312-329-6213 or email her at: [CarolynFulton@ctulocal1.com](mailto:CarolynFulton@ctulocal1.com) to tell her when the food drive will be taking place, and when you will want CTU to arrange for pick-up of the cans. Pick-up of the food donations will take place during the **weeks of December 5 and December 12.**

This winter we expect more political challenges—in the form of yet another round of school closures, and another round of bills that attack our pension. These challenges increase the importance of us getting out in public, and showing ourselves in a good light.