Put the ‘O’ in Pep B’o’wl: A Homecoming Donation Drive Competition

What? Why?
A friendly competitive donation drive to engage the campus community with the Maverick Food Pantry (MFP).

Who doesn’t love a friendly competition? But more importantly, it’s the collective effort that makes such a tremendous impact on the issue of food security on UNO’s campus.

The Maverick Food Pantry has been around since 2013, but many members of the campus community do not know of its existence. This donation drive competition will raise awareness of the existence of the MFP, engage the campus community in a meaningful manner, and the MFP will receive donations that will directly serve the campus community. This event demonstrates UNO’s commitment to the Culture of Caring in collectively supporting all Mavericks while being creative and collaborative during Homecoming.

Where and when?
The teams will compile their donations in the Pep Bowl during Homecoming week on Thursday, October 6th from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. The goal is to create an ‘O’ of donations in the Pep Bowl!

Who?
Anyone and everyone can participate. To participate in the competition, people can sign up as a team. Teams can be colleges, departments, offices, student organizations, a group of friends, etc. Combinations of these are welcome and accepted (for example, a student org combining teams with a department).

Not on a team? Don’t worry, Durango's got you covered! There will be a Team Durango for those that want to donate and participate but not be on a particular team.

Tiers of Teams
To make it a fair competition, your team will be placed in a tier based on the number of team members.

- Tier 1: 2-10 members
- Tier 2: 11-25 members
- Tier 3: 26-50 members
- Tier 4: 51-100 members
- Tier 5: 101+ members
Each tier will have a winner! The winning team has bragging rights for the year and a chance to defend their title in 2023.

The Rules:
Teams will need to sign up by September 30th via Presence.
Teams can obtain items however they see fit (purchasing it by themselves, setting up a box for collections, asking the community to help, asking corporations to donate on their behalf, etc.)

Point System
1 item = $1 = 1 point
- Each item will count as one point. Items in bulk packages will be counted as multiple points.
- Each dollar will count as one point. Checks, gift cards, and cash are accepted. Online donations will count as long as a receipt/transaction activity is sent to the MFP team.
- Create and construct the most unique or fun design with your donations to earn an extra 25 points! The Maverick Food Pantry Advisory Board will judge the designs and select a winner for each tier.

What can be donated?
All items MUST be unopened, unused, and unexpired! Any items that are opened, used, or expired will have to be thrown out and will not be counted for points.
- Nonperishable food items
- Toiletries and personal hygiene items (individually packaged)
  - Individually packaged toilet paper or paper towels
  - Individually packaged toothbrushes
  - Toothpaste
  - Floss
  - Shampoo and conditioner
  - Body wash
  - Lotion
  - Deodorant
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Hand and dish soap
  - Laundry detergent
  - Menstrual products
- Snack items (granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.)
- Monetary donations: each $1 counts as 1 point
  - Gift cards to Aldi, HyVee, Walmart, Amazon
  - Cash
  - Checks
- NU Foundation Maverick Food Pantry Excellence Fund (online option)
  - Must send receipt with team name to unomavfoodpantry@unomaha.edu to be counted!

**Volunteers Needed**

There are many slots to help the Maverick Food Pantry team during the event. Sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAFABE22A6F9C61-homecoming!