

WVDP Food Drive exceeds its goals



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WVDP employees stand in front of 108,000 pounds of food that was delivered to nine local food pantries.

More than 108,000 pounds of food was donated to food pantries in the area, courtesy of the West Valley Demonstration Project. The team set a goal of donating 100,000 pounds of food in its annual Food Drive.

"The success of our Food Drive is a direct result of the generosity and kindness of our employees, partners and subcontractors," said Lettie Chilson, WVDP Facility Manager and Food Drive Coordinator. "It demonstrates the positive impact that kindness can have on a community. The WVDP Food Drive helps to improve the quality of life for our neighbors serviced by the local pantries."

On Nov. 16, volunteers were split into two teams to deliver hundreds of cases of food and 360 turkeys to Fellowship Hill Ministries in Springville, Delevan Methodist Church, Catholic Charities Outreach in Franklinville, Saving Grace Outreach in Cattaraugus, Master's Plan in Dayton, United Church of Christ in Ellicottville, Concord Food Pantry, Little Valley Baptist Church and West Valley Food Pantry.

"I am honored to be a part of an event that makes a difference in our community," said Bryan Bower, DOE Project Director. "The amount of food collected year-after-year demonstrates the generosity and kindness of our employees."

The annual tradition started in 1989 and has been held every year since then. In total, the WVDP Food Drive has collected more than 1.8 million pounds of food since its inception.