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Cd'A employees donate 783 pounds to food bank

Responding to a growing community need, employees with the city of Coeur d'Alene recently united to collect 783 pounds of non-perishable food items for the Community Action Partnership food bank.

"This is fabulous and it's perfect timing," said food bank manager Carolyn Shewfelt. "This is awesome stuff that will go into our emergency food baskets." The food bank hands out an average of 100 of the baskets daily.

Community Action Partnership has an especially high demand for donated food right now because its largest food drive of the year came up short.

"We just had our food postal drive, which is the food drive we are most dependent on and we received less than half of what was donated last year," Shewfelt said. In 2013, the food bank received 18,527 pounds; this year's postal drive netted 9,088 pounds.

"The employees of the city understand there are members of our community that need help and we want to do our part to help those in need," said Coeur d'Alene Mayor Steve Widmyer.