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## **11.6.19 - Senator Akshar, Broome County Executive Garnar and Mayor David Partner to Help CHOW Feed Local Families**

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BINGHAMTON, NY - Senator Fred Akshar, County Executive Jason Garnar and City of Binghamton Mayor Richard C. David on Wednesday announced a special Thanksgiving food drive in downtown Binghamton to benefit Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW).

The “Government Plaza Thanksgiving Food Challenge” challenges community members and government employees at the city, county and state levels to donate non-perishable food items to help local families in need next week.

From November 12-14, CHOW collection barrels will be available for donation between 8am - 5pm in the lobbies of the State Office Building, Broome County Office Building and Binghamton City Hall. At the end of the week, items from each building will be tallied to see which building collected the most food.

For those who don’t have time to grocery shop, donations can be made online at [www. BroomeCouncil.Net/Donate-Now](http://www.BroomeCouncil.Net/Donate-Now). For every dollar donated, CHOW is able to distribute 4 meals to families in need.

Each year, CHOW, through its network of nearly 100 partner agencies (pantries, community meals and non-profit organizations), distributes over 2.2 million pounds of food to assure those struggling with food insecurity do not go without.

In Broome County, 1 in 8 individuals and 1 in 5 children are food insecure.

**Senator Fred Akshar, County Executive Jason Garnar  
and Mayor Rich David invite you to a friendly competition  
to help CHOW take hunger off the table  
this Thanksgiving Season!**

**Government Plaza  
Thanksgiving Food Challenge  
November 12th - 14th**

**The State Office Building, County Office Building and City Hall  
are all teaming up to collect food donations for CHOW  
at Government Plaza in downtown Binghamton.**

**CHOW collection barrels will be available for donation between 8am - 5pm  
in each of the lobbies of the State Office Building, Broome County Office  
Building and Binghamton City Hall.**

**Each building will compete to fill up the most barrels with non-perishable food.  
On Nov. 15, we'll announce which building collected the most donations!**



**NO TIME TO GROCERY SHOP?  
YOU STILL CAN HELP!**

You don't need to buy groceries to help CHOW and the Broome County Council of Churches provide meals for local families in need.

For more information, please visit:

**BROOMECOUNCIL.NET/DONATE-NOW**

Don't forget to specify if your donation is on behalf of the State, County or City!

State Senator Fred Akshar (R,C,I, Endwell) said, “We’re so fortunate to live in a community that truly cares for those in need. This year, we’re partnering at the state and local level to help CHOW feed local families this Thanksgiving season. I’m urging everyone across our community to consider helping us collect food or making a donation toward the purchase of meals. For some families this Thanksgiving, your donation could make all the difference.”

Broome County Executive Jason Garnar said, “This is a perfect example of how the power of partnerships can make a difference in our community. Broome County is proud to be helping feed families this Thanksgiving and I encourage our residents to take some time next week to drop off those non-perishable food items at Government Plaza.”

City of Binghamton Mayor Richard C. David said, “This is a great opportunity for us to come together and work together toward a wonderful goal and cause. The men and women in Government Plaza are here to serve the public, and this is just another way for us to help those who are less fortunate around the holidays.”

CHOW Director Jack Seman said, “We at CHOW® are so grateful for Senator Akshar, the City of Binghamton, and Broome County’s partnership on this food drive. This time of year the need for our services is very high and this challenge will be a fun way to assure our shelves are stocked and our neighbors do not go without this Thanksgiving.”