The Trailblazer Locker: A Pantry for the Food Insecure at AMSC

Mission Statement

The Trailblazer Locker at AMSC’s mission is to alleviate food hardships in the AMSC community by providing emergency food to AMSC students, faculty, and staff in need.

Vision

Eliminate food hardship and insecurities in the AMSC community.

Objectives

- Creating a safe space to distribute good quality and nutritious emergency food to current AMSC students, faculty and staff.
- Creating and promoting a space on campus dedicated to food donation collection.
- Collecting good quality and nutritious food items (donations) that may otherwise go to waste to enhance sustainability initiatives on campus.
- Raising awareness around food insecurity issues, especially as experienced by low-income college students.
- Encouraging student engagement to foster a sense of community, volunteerism and service to peers on campus.

Trailblazer Locker Hours and Eligibility Criteria

The Locker is open during normal business hours of the College. A campus Steward can assist students, faculty and staff with their needs as needed. However, the Trailblazer Locker is open for general operations every Friday from 12-3 pm.

To be eligible for services you must be a current student, faculty or staff-member at AMSC. Please bring your current valid AMSC ID with you. The Campus Pantry is closed when the campus is closed for holidays, inclement weather events and during the summer.

The Trailblazer Locker will be managed by five campus stewards in the Division of Student Affairs who will receive and distribute the goods in the pantry upon request or referral. These stewards include designees from the following departments:

- Academic Affairs (Center for Academic Advising)
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- **Career, Counseling & Disability Services**
- **Financial Aid**
- **Office of Student Activities**
- **Student Affairs**
- **Veteran's Affairs**

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**Donated Items Needed**

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<th>Beverages</th>
<th>Non-Perishable Food Items</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bottled Water</td>
<td>Canned fish or poultry</td>
<td>Granola Bars</td>
<td>Zip Lock Bags (Large and Small)</td>
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<td>Gatorade</td>
<td>Canned vegetables</td>
<td>Fruit Bars</td>
<td>Paper and Plastic Bags</td>
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<td>Canned fruit</td>
<td>Chips</td>
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<td>Canned Juice</td>
<td>Dry pasta or rice</td>
<td>Microwavable pop corn</td>
<td>Oral Care: Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Mouthwash</td>
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<td>Capri Suns</td>
<td>Cereal, oatmeal or other non-perishable breakfast items</td>
<td>Crackers</td>
<td>Hand Sanitizer</td>
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<td>Ensure</td>
<td>Pasta sauce</td>
<td>Apple Sauce</td>
<td>Sanitary Napkins and Panty Liners</td>
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<td>Canned Concentrated Milk</td>
<td>Peanut butter</td>
<td>Peanut butter cups</td>
<td>Deodorant</td>
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<td>Jelly or jam</td>
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Non-perishable foods do not spoil, deteriorate or decay quickly. They have long shelf life and don’t require refrigeration. They include liquids, canned goods of meats, soups, vegetables, etc. and dry goods inclusive of rice, pasta, cereal and ready-to-eat meals. Please see below a list of exceptions, prohibitions and other information regarding donated items:

- All donated items must be new.
- No expired, dented, open, or broken containers will be accepted.
- No fresh produce, poultry or meats, except during our special projects season Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Items that require refrigeration will not be accepted.
- All snack items must be individually wrapped.
- No carbonated drinks and no soda.
- All travel size toiletries items, must be presented in zip lock bags in quantities of 6 or more per bag.
- No clothing will be accepted.

**Monetary Donations**

Monetary donations can be made to the Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) Foundation care of *The Trailblazer Locker* via the web at [http://www.atlm.edu/gifts-donors/donation-links.html?width=500&height=500](http://www.atlm.edu/gifts-donors/donation-links.html?width=500&height=500), mailed, or delivered to the AMSC Foundation during normal business hours at:

**Location:** Library/Administrative Building - Room 210  
**Institutional Advancement**  
Atlanta Metropolitan State College  
1630 Metropolitan Parkway, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30310  
Phone: (404) 756-4666

**Gift Cards, Coupons and Promotional Discounts**

Gift cards for grocery stores, restaurants, retail outlets, VISA, Master card, American Express can be accepted in increments of $5. The same is so for coupons and promotional discounted items i.e. 1 large Pizza for $7; 1 free Hamburger, etc.
Gift Cards, coupons and promotional discounts can be delivered to the *Division of Student Affairs* during normal business hours at:

**Location:** Suite 216, Edwin A. Thompson, Sr. Student Center  
*Division of Student Affairs*  
Atlanta Metropolitan State College  
1630 Metropolitan Pkwy., SW  
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Phone: 404.756.4585

**Corporate Giving**

Corporations supporting the Trailblazer Locker will be acknowledged through the Trailblazer Locker signage and in our printed materials for in-kind or cash donations over $2,500. Corporate giving must be completed/awarded by January 1st to be included on any printed collateral or signage published during the following Fiscal Year.

Corporate giving below this level will be acknowledged at our annual Giving Day Celebration and via written acknowledgement.

**Partnerships and Projects**

We are currently partnering with The Atlanta Community Food Bank. We encourage participation in the development and sustainability of *The Trailblazer Locker* from AMSC campus departments, student clubs and organizations, community, civic, service and faith based organizations. There are several ways that you can help:

1. Donate items  
2. Designate *The Trailblazer Locker* as your department or organization as a project for the year  
3. Volunteer to assist with the monthly organization of *The Trailblazer Locker*  
4. Make a financial contribution to the AMSC Foundation and designate *The Trailblazer Locker*

**Special Projects**

During the holiday season (pre-Thanksgiving and Easter seasons) *The Trailblazer Locker* will offer food baskets that will include fresh produce, poultry and meat. Each basket will cost $40. Checks may be mailed to the AMSC Foundation and will include a minimum of the following items:

One Turkey  
1 Bag of prepared Dressing
Gravy
4 cans of vegetables and/or fresh vegetables
Cornbread and/or rolls
2 cans of vegetable stock
2 cans of chicken stock
Sugar
Flour
Dessert
Tea

Information regarding the process for selection to receive a food basket will be communicated to the AMSC community.

For more information contact us at:

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