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## **Shelves of Local Food Pantry in Danger of Going Bare**

*HensonFuerst to host community food drive*

**ROCKY MOUNT, N.C., July 20, 2011**—For nearly 35 years, the United Community Ministries' (UCM) food pantry has provided help to those in need. Now, the food pantry is running extremely low on supplies and needs help from its neighbors to continue providing the assistance on which so many have come to rely. To aid in the effort, local law firm HensonFuerst will be hosting a food drive to benefit UCM. The food drive is going on now through July 30, when the law firm will host a special drop-off event at its office in Rocky Mount.

“Our food pantry is for those who are really in need of food, and we try not to turn away anyone in need of help,” said Leta Lacey, who oversees the food pantry. “We are asking for your assistance to help us with any donations that you have available for us.”

Items can be dropped off at the law firm's office located at 2317 Sunset Avenue in Rocky Mount. The special drop-off event will be held on Saturday, July 30 from 8 to 11 a.m. during which people can hand their donations to volunteers without even having to get out of their cars.

“We believe in helping organizations that benefit health and community causes. When we learned that one of our local shelters is nearly out of all food and hygiene items, we immediately wanted to find a way to help.”

**David Henson**  
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All types of non-perishable food and hygiene items are needed, including:

- Canned Items (e.g., meats, vegetables, soup, tomatoes, fruit, etc.)
- Boxed Dinners (e.g., Hamburger Helper®, Rice-A-Roni®, etc.)
- Condiments (e.g., ketchup, mustard, etc.)
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Toilet Paper
- Baby Formula
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

For cash donations, please write a check to HensonFuerst and include “United Community Ministries Food Drive” on the memo line. Checks can be dropped off at the law firm or mailed to the following address:

HensonFuerst  
ATTN: Food Drive  
2317 Sunset Avenue  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

HensonFuerst would like to thank everyone for their participation. Anyone with questions is invited to call the law firm at (800) 4LAWMED.

### **About United Community Ministries**

United Community Ministries is a nonprofit organization that provides a nurturing and supportive environment for homeless and needy individuals as they move toward wholeness. The organization provides housing, meals, and rehabilitation programs for adults. They provide food boxes for those in need and run an onsite soup kitchen that serves more than 80 meals to the community each week. To learn more about UCM, visit [www.BassettCenter.org](http://www.BassettCenter.org).

### **The HensonFuerst Health Initiative**

The food drive is one of many projects and events in which the members of HensonFuerst devote their time. To recognize the importance of giving back to the community, the law firm established the HensonFuerst Health Initiative, a comprehensive plan that encompasses all of the law firm’s community and service efforts. The initiative encourages both community and firm members to prevent injuries, improve health and fitness, and aid organizations committed to bettering health and well-being. Want to learn more about the HensonFuerst Health Initiative? Visit [www.lawmed.com/health-initiative](http://www.lawmed.com/health-initiative).

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