# **TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

# **Our Commitment:**

The Cougar Cupboard recognizes the vital role that food and nutrition play in supporting our students' health. We are committed to providing nutritious foods to the UH community through a client-choice food pantry model. While we appreciate all donations, certain items align more closely with our commitment to supporting our neighbors.





# **Donations:**

We are always on the lookout for donations of fresh produce, grains, proteins, and healthy snacks which are both full of nutrients and help to promote heart healthy choices.

Contact <u>Uhcupbrd@cougarnet.uh.edu</u> to schedule your donation day!

"In partnership with the American Heart Association, the Cougar Cupboard has adopted a Healthy Heart Pantry Model"



Center for Student Advocacy and Community Division of Student Affairs





# **GREEN: DONATE OFTEN**

#### **FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

- Low sodium, packed in water
- Nutritional shakes

#### GRAINS

- Whole grain options
- Rice, whole grain pasta, oats

## HEALTHY SNACKS

- High-fiber granola/protein bars
- Nuts (low/no salt)
- Low-sugar instant oatmeal

#### PROTEINS

- Low Sodium, no added sugar
- Fresh or canned veggies & fruit

## COOKING ESSENTIALS

- Vegetable oil
- Spices (salt, pepper, cumin, etc.)

#### BEVERAGES

- Coffee (instant or ground)
- Shelf-stable milk
- 100% fruit juice (no sugar added)



**RED: DO NOT DONATE** 

While we appreciate all donations, we'd like to discourage donations of the following items due to their low nutritional. We also cannot accept any items beyond their printed use-by or best-by date.

## CANNED ITEMS

- Canned fruit in heavy syrup
- High sodium canned food

# PROCESSED FOOD

- Cookies candy chips
- Instant ramen

### BEVERAGES

- Soda, regular or diet
- Energy drinks
- Sugar-sweetened juice
- Coffee and tea w/added sugar

