

# Aurora Holiday Food drive kicks off

The 13th annual Aurora Holiday Food Drive to stock the food shelves at the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry kicked off Saturday, Nov. 7.

The drive runs through the day before Thanksgiving, this year Nov. 25. Locations are Prisco's Family Market, 1108 Prairie St., Aurora; Cermak Fresh Market, 1250 N. Lake St., Aurora; and Food Market La Chiquita, 1525 Douglas Rd., Montgomery.

Each of the stores offer prepackaged grocery bags for \$5, \$10 and \$15. Shoppers can pick up bags from the displays at the stores and pay for them at checkout.

Aurora Fire Department firefighters volunteer on their own time to pick up the food at the three grocery stores and take it directly to the pantry for sorting by volunteers.

Sponsors of the food drive are Dolan & Murphy; The Beacon-News; 95.9 The River; Aurora Fastprint; Douglas Carpet One & Big Bob's; Gerald Subaru of Naperville/North Aurora; Prisco's Family Market; Cermak Fresh Market; and Mariano's.

Through November, 95.9 The River will hold four live radio remotes to promote the drive at each of the three stores participating. The station kicked off remotes at Prisco's Family Market Saturday in Aurora. Giveaways included Jiffy Lube oil change coupons.



**PHOTO (top):** Prisco's Family Market staffer Marbella White of Aurora loads a prepackaged grocery bag Saturday, Nov. 7, for Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry. (Al Benson photo)

**PHOTO (bottom):** Aurora radio station 95.9 The River broadcasts from Prisco's Family Market in Aurora Saturday, Nov. 7, in a benefit for Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry. From left are Katelyn Harner, Aurora, The River; Lynn Flores, Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry; Nick Jakusz, The River; and Cassandra Bauer, The River. (Al Benson photo)