



A Safe Haven Foundation Named Sole Beneficiary of the 2026 Chicago Auto Show's Canned Food Drive

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Chicago, IL – February 2026 – A Safe Haven Foundation (ASHF) is honored to once again serve as the sole beneficiary of the **Chicago Auto Show Food Drive**, taking place **February 11–13, 2026, at McCormick Place.**

For three days, thousands of auto enthusiasts, families, and community members will come together to support Chicago's largest canned food drive—helping ensure that neighbors facing food insecurity have reliable access to nutritious food.

Attendees who bring three cans of food will receive a \$5 discount on a full-price adult ticket, transforming a day at the auto show into meaningful community impact.

Addressing Food Insecurity in Our Communities

Food insecurity remains a pressing challenge across Chicago, particularly in communities like **North Lawndale**, where access to full-service grocery stores is limited and many families navigate economic instability.

Through our Community Food Pantry and integrated program sites, A Safe Haven provides consistent access to healthy food for:

- Families working to regain stability
- Seniors on fixed incomes
- Veterans rebuilding their lives
- Youth and young adults pursuing education and employment

Every can donated during the Chicago Auto Show Food Drive directly supports neighbors in North Lawndale and surrounding communities—stocking shelves that families depend on year-round.

Located just five miles from McCormick Place, our pantry is more than a distribution point. It is part of a broader continuum that connects food access with housing stability, healthcare, workforce development, and long-term opportunity.

“We are deeply grateful to the Chicago Auto Show and its sponsors for standing with our community,” said **Mark G. Mulroe, President of A Safe Haven Foundation**. “This partnership helps us strengthen food access in North Lawndale and across Chicago. Every donation represents dignity, nourishment, and hope for families working toward stability.”

“Each year, we are inspired by the generosity of Chicago Auto Show attendees,” said **Jennifer Morand, President of the Chicago Automobile Trade Association and General Manager of the Chicago Auto Show**. “Knowing that every donation supports families in North Lawndale and surrounding neighborhoods makes this partnership especially meaningful. This is what community looks like.”

Community Partnership in Action

A Safe Haven Foundation extends sincere gratitude to:

- The Chicago Auto Show
- The Chicago Automobile Trade Association (CATA)
- Alan Josephsen Co.
- Bank of America
- University of Illinois Chicago volunteers

- Every attendee and volunteer who contributed to the drive

A special thank you to **Bank of America** and the **University of Illinois Chicago** volunteers for leading canned food collection efforts throughout the event. Their commitment ensures donations are efficiently collected and quickly distributed to families in need.

Because of this collective effort, more families in North Lawndale and neighboring communities have access to nutritious food while strengthening health, stability, and opportunity.

[Check out our event photos](#) to see the incredible support from our community and the impact of your contributions.

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ABOUT A SAFE HAVEN FOUNDATION

A Safe Haven Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring hope and opportunity for individuals and families in crisis. Through an integrated model of housing and stability, health and healing, education and employment pathways, workforce development, and community engagement, A Safe Haven supports more than 3,300 individuals annually on their journey toward long-term self-sufficiency.

ABOUT THE CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

First staged in 1901, the Chicago Auto Show is the largest auto show in North America and has been held more times than any other auto exposition on the continent. This year marks the 118th edition of the Chicago Auto Show, which will take place at McCormick Place from February 7th to 16th, 2026.