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Summary: Students will go door-to-door in the community to collect donations of money, food, and toiletries for the local food shelf.

(October 19, 2009) If you hear a knock on your door on October 29, 2009, between 6 and 8 p.m., it’s not early trick-or-treaters—at least, not the traditional kind. University of Minnesota, Morris students will be collecting money, nonperishable food items, and toiletries for the Stevens County Food Shelf. The annual Trick or Can event is co-sponsored by the Office of Community Engagement and the Office of Residential Life.

The Food Shelf would especially appreciate donations of soup, chili, stew, cake mixes, paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and laundry soap. For members of the community willing to donate money, the Food Shelf can purchase six pounds of food with every dollar donated. In addition to nutritious foods, the Food Shelf also buys other essentials required by Stevens County people in need.

This year, the Stevens County Food Shelf is experiencing an intensified use of its services because more people are unemployed or underemployed due to the economic downturn. In the last two years, there has been a marked increase in community members who need assistance to feed their families.

“This is one event that really gets first-year students, especially, involved in the community. Usually students who meet community members during Trick or Can and who have a good experience with the event are more willing to stay involved in the community during their four years at UMM,” said Argie Manolis, coordinator of the Office of Community Engagement.

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