



McCormick Place - Chicago
March 17-20, 2025
promatshow.com



ProMat 2025 Exhibitor Donation Program

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 – 2:00 PM CT

Program Information: MHI has partnered with McCormick Place, GES, and Fight2Feed to launch a donation program that advances our sustainability initiatives while giving back to the local community.

Fight2Feed is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to ending hunger and reducing food waste within local communities. Established in 2014 in Chicago, Illinois, the organization has since expanded to Atlanta, Georgia, and Kansas City, Missouri. Entirely volunteer-run, Fight2Feed rescues surplus food from restaurants, chefs, and food distributors, repurposing it into healthy, hot meals for those in need. To date, they have served over 2.5 million meals and rescued more than 6 million pounds of food. Their mission is encapsulated in the motto: "*Fighting Hunger One Block At A Time.*" Fight2Feed is also working to collect any new or gently used items that can be re-used or re-purposed in the community.

How Does it Work? Exhibitors who have materials at the show, such as furniture, electronics, shelving, modular flooring, etc., that would otherwise end up in a landfill may be able to donate them to Fight2Feed. To submit your donation inquiry, please review the list of accepted items below and fill out the [Exhibitor Donation Program Form](#). If you would like to donate multiple items, please submit a form for each item.

Accepted Materials Include:

- Unopened non-perishable food. Examples: bottled water, pre-packaged chips/granola bars/snacks.
- Furniture: tables, chairs, couches, lamps, pillows, etc.
- Tools
- Functioning Electronics
- Office Supplies
- Plants and décor
- Giveaway items (branded is OK): pens, thumb drives, keychains, etc.
- Registration items: volunteer shirts, tote bags, lanyards with keyring
- Area rugs and modular flooring
- Signage with single-side print (i.e., back of sign is blank and can be used for art projects)
- Shelving
- **If you have an item not on the above accepted list, please select "Other" in the item category and provide detailed info in the description part of the donation form and someone will be in touch.*

Items Not Accepted Include:

- Carpet (this can be recycled)
- Perishable food items
- Broken items

Guidelines:

- Items must be accepted, with written approval, in the program to be donated.
- Exhibitors who leave items/ materials behind in their booth without written approval will be subject to removal/cleaning fees from GES.
- All items are requested to be new or gently used. Broken items cannot be accepted.

Next Steps: After submitting an [Exhibitor Donation Program Form](#), you will receive a confirmation email and the donation team at Fight2Feed will review your donation inquiry. Approval/Denial and additional instructions will be sent via email once your request has been reviewed. Thank you!



If you have any questions, please contact MHI's Show Operations Team at: showoperations@mhi.org