TO: Campus Community

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Join me in donating to the 15th annual “Can the Bobcats” Food Drive! The drive is an off-field competition between UM and MSU to see which school can collect the most donations for their local county food banks.

The competition ends on Saturday, Nov. 22 at halftime of the “Brawl of the Wild” football game between UM and MSU, which will be held in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The winner of the competition will be announced during halftime. MSU has won the past 13 of 14 food drives, so we’re hoping to turn that around this year and help out those in need in our community as the holidays approach.

Today, I publically challenged my peers to Can the Cats. You can watch the video online on UM’s Facebook page. Will you Can the Cats and challenge someone to do the same?

Encourage your friends to donate heavy food items such as potatoes, rice, beans, peanut butter, flour and canned vegetables, fruit and tuna. Monetary donations also are accepted and will be converted to pounds on a $1.60 per pound of food ratio.

You can take nonperishable food donations to collection locations throughout Missoula to support those in need in Missoula County. A list of participating drop-off locations can be found at http://canthebobcats.com/drop-off-locations/. Additional campus drop-off locations are The Source and The Food Court in the University Center, and The Corner Store in the Lommasson Center.

Griz supporters can make monetary contributions at any Missoula Federal Credit Union location or directly to the Missoula Food Bank with an online donation at https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/missoulafoodbank, with the donation dedicated to the Can the Bobcats Food Drive. Any UM Dining venue also will accept monetary contributions and UM students can donate up to $13 per week from their meal plan to support the cause.

Can the Bobcats is coordinated by UM’s Office of Fraternity and Sorority Involvement. For more information about UM’s efforts call Bryant at 406-243-5527 or email julie.bryant@umontana.edu.