Non-Acceptable Food Donations:

- **Never** accept any home-canned or home-preserved food. Life-threatening foodborne illnesses can occur from food that has been preserved incorrectly.
- **Do not** accept potentially hazardous foods (also known as TCS foods) that have been prepared in a home kitchen. TCS foods require **Time and Temperature Control for Safety**
  - An exception is certain types of non-TCS baked goods, including fruit pies, cakes, cookies, candy, and bread
    - If these foods are offered, you must display a sign indicating that the items were prepared in the homes of your volunteers.
  - TCS/Potentially Hazardous foods include:
    - Milk and dairy products
    - Shell eggs
    - Meat: beef, pork, and lamb
    - Poultry
    - Fish
    - Shellfish and crustaceans
    - Sliced melons; cut tomatoes; cut leafy greens
    - Baked potatoes
    - Heat-treated plant food, such as cooked rice, beans, and vegetables
    - Sprouts and sprout seeds
    - Tofu or other soy protein; synthetic ingredients, such as textured soy protein in meat alternatives
    - Untreated garlic-and-oil mixtures
- **Do not** accept the following home-prepared foods:
  - Home canned goods
  - Jar or canned breads
  - Custards and custard pies
  - Real cream pies
  - Meringue pies
  - Pumpkin pies
  - Cheesecake
  - Homemade ice cream
  - Cream filled cupcakes or doughnuts
  - Cream cheese frostings or fillings
  - Flavored oils
- Whether donated or purchased, do not use foods that have passed their expiration dates.