

## SUPER CHILI

## Serves 12

1 LB Ground Beef
1-2 Onions, Chopped
2 Garlic Cloves, Chopped
2 Green Peppers
4 Stalks Celery Chopped
4 Carrots, Diced or Grated
2 Cans Tomato Paste
2-4 Cans Kidney Beans, Drained
(or 2-4 cups Dried Kidney B.)
1 Can Pork and Beans, Optional
1 Can Refried Beans, Optional
1 Tsp each Basil and Oregano
2 Tsp to 2 Tbsp Chili Powder
Salt and Pepper to Taste

- 1. Brown the beef, add onions and garlic.
- 2. Add remaining ingredients. (You may want to precook carrots before adding, unless grated.)
- 3. Simmer, stirring occasionally, or bake in 350F degree oven for ½ to 1 hour.

\*HINT #1: To save \$, use dried beans. Wash dried beans and then soak for 8 hours of overnight using 3 cups water for each cup of beans. In morning, drain and add fresh water – and bay leaf, if desired. Simmer for about 1 hour or until tender. (Can make ahead, drain and store in the fridge or freezer until needed.)

\*HINT #2 For a meal that's high in nutrients, and low in cost, use lots of beans and no meat. Beans are high in protein and iron, so meat is not needed.