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Ozarks Food Harvest named Charitable Organization of the Year, honored with 2009 Economic Impact Award

SPRINGFIELD (July 28, 2009)—Southwest Missouri's regional food bank, Ozarks Food Harvest, was named the 2009 Economic Impact Award winner in the charitable organization category by *Springfield Business Journal* last week.

The Food Bank infused \$8.5 million of food into the local economy last year; and, every \$1 donated generated more than \$8 worth of food assistance.

Ozarks Food Harvest is a national leader in innovative hunger relief programs—over the past year, The Food Bank was chosen as a pilot food bank for a retail pickup program, an initiative of Walmart and the nation's food bank network, Feeding America; added a second Mobile Food Pantry™ vehicle with help from the Rotary Clubs of Springfield and Nixa and local Ridewell Corporation; plus moved into its new \$4.8 million warehouse, marking the end of a five-year capital campaign.

The Food Bank also received the inaugural Economic Impact Award for the nonprofit sector in 2005.

Ozarks Food Harvest is located at 2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave. in North Springfield. The distribution center opened July 1 to its network of more than 350 hunger relief charities, and on September 15 The Food Bank will hold the official public dedication event. The public is also welcome for tours September 16–18, 2009.

For more information, call Ozarks Food Harvest at (417) 865-3411 or visit www.ozarksfoodharvest.org.

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