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Ozarks Food Harvest ready to unveil second Mobile Food Pantry

Rotary International President will help commission newest MFP

SPRINGFIELD – For the second time in less than three years, Rotary International is helping Ozarks Food Harvest take hunger relief directly to those in need.

The Rotary Clubs of Springfield provided The Food Bank with its first Mobile Food Pantry in 2007. Now, Rotary members are giving Ozarks Food Harvest a second Mobile Food Pantry trailer.

The unveiling of the newest addition to The Food Bank's fleet will take place on Thursday, June 4th at noon inside the Oasis Convention Center. The entire truck will be parked inside during the local Rotary club meeting and will be dedicated by the R.I. President Nominee Ray Klinginsmith.

However, before the second Mobile Food Pantry is officially ready for the road, Ozarks Food Harvest will make use of the original moving pantry on Tuesday, June 2nd.

On that day, The Food Bank will make its second trip to Lebanon for a Mobile Food Pantry distribution. The first Lebanon distribution was in March and five more are still planned. The Lebanon Rotary Club is funding one of the five distributions and will provide volunteers to each of the distributions.

During this distribution, a Rotary International film crew will be present to document The Food Bank's use of its original Mobile Food Pantry. Rotary International also produced a film showcasing the Mobile Food Pantry shortly after its first distribution which was seen worldwide.

This film crew will also be in attendance at the dedication of the second Mobile Food Pantry, which will take place at the Oasis Convention Center on Thursday, June 4th at noon.

Ozarks Food Harvest works with more than 350 hunger relief organizations, reaching more than 53,000 people each month in 29 southwest Missouri counties. Recently, Ozarks Food Harvest has doubled its distribution to upwards of seven million pounds of food annually, the highest distribution in The Food Bank's 25-year history. This is possible because of its network of charities and direct relief programs such as Kids Cafe®, the Weekend Backpack Program™, Club F.U.N.™ and the Mobile Food Pantry™.

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