

HARVEST TIME



OZARKS FOOD HARVEST - THE FOOD BANK

NEWSLETTER FROM THE O'REILLY CENTER FOR HUNGER RELIEF

KIDS BENEFIT FROM PRODUCE AFTER SCHOOL

Walt Disney grant provides 15,600 pounds of fruits, vegetables

On a sunny afternoon, dozens of kids buzzing with excitement pour out of a school bus into the Boys and Girls Club Musgrave Unit. Many of them head into the cafeteria to

grab a snack.

A club staff member asks, "Apple or oranges?"

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Mariah, 7, grabs a couple oranges before catching up with her friends.

The first grader at Westport says the best thing about school is going outside for recess. After school, she enjoys going to the Boys and Girls Club to play.

"I like to go to the Boys and Girls Club because I like to go swimming and it makes me happy," she said smiling.

She said she also loves getting fruit as her after-school snack.

"My favorite food is the bananas and oranges because they're so healthy for you,"

The produce for the kids at the Boys and Girls Club, an Ozarks Food Harvest *After-School Food* program, was provided through a \$15,000 grant from the Walt Disney Company, thanks to Feeding America. The grant helps provide fresh fruits and vegetables for kids at six *After-School Food* sites.

Karen Mildfeldt, head cook at the Boys and Girls Club Musgrave Unit, said having fresh produce is great for kids at the club, many of whom are from low-income families.

"It's great because a lot of the kids that are low-income children, they don't get a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables at home because they are too expensive," Mildfeldt said. "They can barely afford to clothe them. Fresh produce is on the back burner."

Most of the produce is purchased, and some will be grown at Ozarks Food Harvest's

An estimated 1,600 pounds of radishes, celery, carrots, lettuce and spinach will be grown to help supplement dinners for the kids, and an additional nearly 14,000 pounds of apples, oranges, grapes, bananas, cabbage, potatoes, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers and tomatoes will be purchased to provide healthy snacks and dinners to kids in the program.

"If they don't eat something at the club, they might go home hungry."

-Karen, after-school program cook

Mildfeldt said having the weekly produce donations helps her with her food budget at the club. Not having to worry about buying often expensive fresh fruits and vegetables, she's able to concentrate her budget on other items to make the meals bigger and more filling for the kids.

Ozarks Food Harvest is committed to have 25 percent of all the food it distributes across southwest Missouri to be fresh produce. Grants like these from the Walt Disney Company are key to meeting that goal.

Mildfeldt said she is constantly humbled by her job, which she has been at for 10

years. She knows how important it is for the kids to eat healthy snacks and dinners.

"If they don't eat something at the club, they might go home hungry," she said.

"I have a lot of kids come up and ask, 'Do you have an apple? Do you have an orange?' They eat that knowing that they are not going to get anything else at home. It

makes me feel good that I can at least give a child a meal and that they aren't going to bed hungry."





NEARLY 60 AREA GROCERS PARTICIPATED IN THE 2016 CHECK OUT HUNGER. SHOPPERS WERE ASKED TO ADD A \$1, \$3 OR \$5 DONATION FOR THE FOOD BANK TO THEIR BILL WHEN CHECKING OUT.

OZARKS RAISES \$45K FOR 18TH CHECK OUT HUNGER

Grocers participate in annual holiday drive to provide 182,000 meals

Nearly 60 area grocery stores partnered with Ozarks Food Harvest for the 18th annual Check Out Hunger, raising \$45,482 to provide nearly 182,000 meals to people in need across southwest Missouri.

Although the fundraiser ran from November through December 2016, The Food Bank received checks from participating grocers throughout the first few months of 2017. This is an ideal time for Ozarks Food Harvest to receive the financial boost from Check Out Hunger due to the drop in donations The Food Bank experiences after the holiday season.

"We are truly grateful for the loyal support of our local grocers who have helped make Check Out Hunger such a success over the past 18 years," said Denise Gibson, development and communication director at Ozarks Food Harvest. "Their help has been vital in raising these needed funds, and also educating the public about the one in four people across the Ozarks who struggle with hunger."

Check Out Hunger gives shoppers the opportunity to add a \$1, \$3 or \$5 tax-free donation to their grocery bill when checking



CUSTOMERS SIGNED GREEN APPLES WHEN THEY DONATED TO THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN.

out at area retailers.

In 2016, participating grocers included Akin's Natural Foods, Bistro Market, Country Mart, Harter House, Hy-Vee, King Cash Saver, Murfin's Market, Pennington's Supermarket, Price Cutter, Price Cutter Plus, Ramey, Rhodes Family Price Chopper, Summer Fresh and Woods Supermarket.

"This drive is made possible by the many community members who stepped up to give donations throughout this holiday drive. We're so thankful for their gifts," Gibson said.

Since the annual fundraiser began, Check Out Hunger has raised a grand total of \$464,364 — providing more than 2.27 million meals for hungry people. ■

EGG DONORS HELP FEED THE OZARKS

Protein-rich food is one of the most requested items from Ozarks Food Harvest's member pantries.

That's why Ozarks Food Harvest is excited to partner with two generous egg donors this spring, Opal Foods and Vital Farms.

Opal Foods began an annual Easter season egg donation in 2008. This year it donated 240,000 eggs to help feed families across southwest Missouri.

Opal Foods is a franchisee of Eggland's Best located in Neosho and receives many of its eggs from Missouri farmers. It was formed through a partnership between AGR Partners, Rose Acre Farms and Weaver Brothers.

Texas-based Vital Farms began donating to Ozarks Food Harvest in October, and since then has provided nearly four million eggs.

Vital Farms' eggs come from certified humane, pasture-raised hens. Each hen has a minimum of 108 square-feet to roam, is antibiotic-free and is able to forage grass and be outside without restrictions. The company is building a new Springfield plant, and although the building is not complete, Vital Farms is already investing in the local community.

"Eggs are highly valued by Ozarks Food Harvest and our member pantries because of their high protein and nutritional value," said Bart Brown, president/CEO of Ozarks Food Harvest. "We're grateful for our friends at Opal Foods and Vital Farms for helping us feed those in need across the Ozarks." ■



EGGS ARE A PRIZED ITEM AT THE FOOD BANK AND ITS MEMBER PANTRIES BECAUSE THEY ARE HIGH IN PROTEIN AND NUTRITIONAL VALUE.

RESCUED FOOD PROGRAM PROVIDES MILLIONS OF MEALS

Greetings from the O'Reilly Center for Hunger Relief!

Each year, Americans throw away billions of pounds of food. Up to 40 percent of all food grown, processed and transported in the U.S. will never be consumed.

With one in four people in the Ozarks accessing food assistance, it's hard to understand how so many people can be hungry, yet so much perfectly edible food is never ending up on dinner plates.

That dichotomy was what started the idea of a food bank nearly 60 years ago.

A retired businessman who volunteered his time at a soup kitchen in Arizona saw a mother digging through a grocery store's garbage bins searching for food. The mother suggested to him that instead of throwing away food, it could be stored for people to pick up, similar to how banks store money for future use.

The first food bank was established by that



RETAIL PICK-UP DONATIONS HELP SHAWNTEL'S FAMILY.

businessman, John van Hengel, and by 1979 there was a national network of food banks across the country. Ozarks Food Harvest began serving the Ozarks a few years later in 1983.

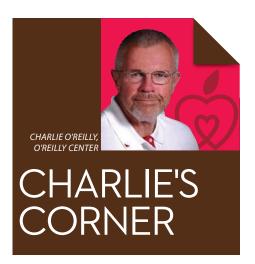
Shortly before Ozarks Food Harvest moved into the O'Reilly Center for Hunger Relief in 2009, it started the *Retail Pick-Up Program*. It was one of the first food banks in the country to establish a program of that kind.

Since then, we have rescued over 29.5 million pounds of food from going to waste. That's nearly 843,000 semi-trucks filled with food.

Staff coordinates weekly pick-ups of food donations from 86 grocers across the Ozarks, including ALDI, Fort Leonard Wood Commissary, G&W Foods, Harps Supermarket, Hy-Vee, Murfin's Market, Price Cutter, Pennington's Supermarket, Price Chopper Supermarket, Richards Brothers Supermarket, Target, Walmart, Walmart Neighborhood Market and Woods Supermarket. We simply could not have this program without their generous support.

The donations include produce, frozen meat, dairy and other perishable and nonperishable goods. Usually this food is donated because it does not meet standards for retail sales, but is still safe for consumption. All of these products are carefully inspected and sorted by volunteers and quickly delivered to our network of pantries and programs that help those in need.

This food is able to provide millions of meals to families in need right here in our community. And the grocers who participate



in the program are rewarded for their donations with tax incentives.

It's truly a win-win. For the grocers, for Ozarks Food Harvest and most importantly for the families struggling with hunger.

Shawntel, a 37-year-old mother of five, says the food she receives from the *Mobile Food Pantry* is critical to helping her feed her family. "This food means a lot. It helps out because we have a big family, there are seven of us," she said. "The food is right on time and it helps with the extra dinners during the week and weekend."

We've been able to make a significant impact on reducing food waste and helping families like Shawntel's because of the space at this current facility, but imagine how much more food we'll be able to rescue when the facility doubles in size next year.

If you are a grocer or restaurateur, call Bart today to find out how you can get involved in reducing food waste. We all can do our part to solve hunger in the Ozarks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US TO RAISE MONEY FOR KIDS ON MAY 9

The third annual Give Ozarks, hosted by Community Foundation of the Ozarks, is on May 9! This 24-hour online day of fundraising rallies the community to give.

Ozarks Food Harvest is raising funds for the Weekend Backpack Program, which provides food to nearly 1,670 children every weekend. Last year, the community donated \$21,000 to Ozarks Food Harvest during this one-day fundraiser. Help The Food Bank set a new record this year!

Donations can be made securely on May 9 by visiting giveozarks.org/2017/ofh.
Thanks to sponsors BluCurrent Credit Union, Bohannon Auto Services, Commerce Bank, Cox Roofing, DairiConcepts and Mercy.



ARVEST'S 1 MILLION MEALS - THROUGH JUNE 3

The seventh annual campaign runs until June 3. Get involved by donating food or funds to Arvest branches in Springfield and Nixa. Learn more on page seven.

FIGHT HUNGER, SPARK CHANGE - APRIL 17-MAY 15

Purchase participating products or make a donation at the cash register in Walmart stores to provide meals for families in the Ozarks during this annual campaign.

STAMPOUTHUNGER-MAY 13

The 25th annual Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger food drive is happening this year on Saturday, May 13. Get involved by leaving food at your mailbox.



It's April, and at Ozarks Food Harvest, that means we're celebrating volunteers in honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Month.

We simply would not be able to provide 15 million meals each year without the hard work of thousands of volunteers who donate their

Their dedication is inspiring to all of us who work at The Food Bank.

Many of you have volunteered with us before, but if you haven't, I'd encourage you to give it a try.

Volunteers have a variety of jobs at Ozarks Food Harvest. They sort through donated produce, clean eggs, help with member pantry distributions and pack bags of food for kids and boxes of food for seniors, just to name a few of the tasks.

Last fiscal year, 3,900 volunteers gave more

BART'S HOPE VOLUNTEERS KEY TO MISSION

than 30,600 hours of their time to process 4.8 million pounds of donations. It's amazing when you think about this generosity. Without volunteers, we would not be able to meet the needs of the 261,000 people who come to Ozarks Food Harvest's network of pantries and programs each year for help with food.

Volunteers give of their time for a variety of reasons. Some are retired and enjoy having something to do that makes a difference.

Like Arlene Eichler who wanted something meaningful to fill her days after retiring.

She volunteers multiple times a week at our Volunteer Center and member pantries.

"Between Ozarks Food Harvest and the pantry, it's given me real purpose. And interacting with people in need has been a real eye-opening experience," she said. "This has really filled a void for me, I just really feel like I am doing something worthwhile, and I've met some really nice people."

Some are college kids who need to fulfill a class requirement, but end up developing a passion for giving back. Like Amanda Kirkpatrick, a senior at Missouri State University studying elementary education.

"Volunteering here is going to impact me as a teacher because I am going to be more focused on my students' home lives," she said. "If you are hungry, you are not going to be able to focus, and I want to know the home lives of each of my students and realize if they need that extra snack to keep them focused."

And some are working adults who feel



compelled to use their free time to benefit others. Like husband and wife Mike and Cindy McKnelly

"You aren't doing it for yourself, it's something that you are doing for another purpose," Mike said. "I do it because it's fun and it helps people and we have a good time."

You can read more about Mike and Cindy on page six.

Even though volunteers find us in different times of their lives and with different goals in mind, the volunteers who give back at Ozarks Food Harvest have something in common they are Hunger Heroes.

It's a fun phrase that we use to describe our donors, but we don't use it lightly. People who selflessly give of their time to Ozarks Food Harvest are truly heroes.

All of us are so grateful for you, our volunteers and donors. We could not solve hunger in the Ozarks without you.



IRA GIFTS CAN MAKE BIG IMPACT

Have you heard of the great opportunity for those who are over age 70 1/2? You are able to make a tax-free charitable gift from your IRA to fulfill your minimum distribution requirement!

IRA tax-free charitable contributions have been a temporary feature of IRAs since 2006, but they have become permanent thanks to a 2015 appropriations bill. Now is a great time to take advantage of this opportunity to avoid being taxed on the minimum distribution requirement placed on those ages 70 1/2 and older.

There are several ways a gift from your IRA may lower your income taxes. It could reduce the amount of tax you pay on social security income, help you avoid the annual limitation of your total deductible or decrease the 3.8 percent Medicare surtax on your other

I know there are many charities to choose from when deciding where to donate your



DONATIONS HELP FEED KIDS ACROSS THE OZARKS.

money. Here at The Food Bank, we are able to make a big impact on the lives of 261,000 children, adults and seniors in southwest Missouri with your donation.

In addition, every \$1 donated to Ozarks Food Harvests is stretched to \$10 worth of food and distribution services.

If you would like to use your IRA funds to help your neighbors in need, please contact your financial, tax or legal advisor to find out if using tax-free charitable contributions could benefit you. It would certainly benefit us as we work to solve hunger in the Ozarks!

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Due to growth and limited space in the newsletter, all warehouse and transportation associates on the Operations team are now listed online at ozarksfoodharvest.org.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE FRIENDS OF THE FOOD BANK



ELKS LODGE #409 MEMBERS PRESENT THEIR DONATION TO OZARKS FOOD HARVEST STAFF

ELKS GIVES \$2.000 FOR KIDS

Members from Elks Lodge #409 in Springfield donated \$2,000 for the Weekend Backpack Program! Not only do the members support The Food Bank with funds every year, but they also donate time. Because Robberson Community School does not have the space to store its bags, members volunteer their time each week to deliver the bags to the school.

STATE EMPLOYEES PROVIDE 36,000 MEALS WITH DONATIONS

Missouri state employees donated nearly \$9,000 in 2016, and pledged \$7,500 through the Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign. Donations made last year will provide 36,000 meals to children, families and seniors in our community. Since 2008, employees donated more than \$46,000 to provide hundreds of thousands of meals for struggling families.



ARBY'S HOSTED A HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER FOR OFH.

ARBY'S HOSTS FUNDRAISER

Last December, local Arby's restaurants owned and operated by Gilbert & Son's, Inc. held a fundraiser for Ozarks Food Harvest that raised \$5,281! Springfield stores asked their customers to donate \$1 to The Food Bank in exchange for a free slider coupon.

JOHN DEERE DONATES TO WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

The John Deere Foundation donated \$6,000 to the Weekend Backpack Program! This donation will provide more than 800 bags, each filled with six meals, to help kids across the Ozarks who struggle with hunger! We're thankful for John Deere's commitment to positively impact its local community and its belief that every child has a right to food.



OFH'S BART BROWN WITH COMPETITION WINNER CHRIS FREEMAN AND PRIME'S STEVE BEHNKE.

PRIME CHILI COOK-OFF NETS \$13K

Prime Inc. raised \$13,550 during its annual Chili Cook-Off and silent auction supporting Ozarks Food Harvest! There were dozens of chili entries, and the winners were chosen based on employees' votes and a panel of judges. Congratulations to Chris Freeman and Carolyn Adams who won first place in the red chili, Brenda Behnke who won for her white chili and Coy Holden who won people's choice.

KRAFT HEINZ SUPPORTS OFH

The Kraft Heinz Company Foundation, thanks to Feeding America, donated \$20,000 to support the Weekend Backpack Program. This gift will provide 2,695 bags of food – over 16,170 meals - to children in Springfield schools. The Weekend Backpack Program provides food to nearly 1,670 children every weekend of the school.

PANERA HOLDS SOFT-OPENING **FUNDRAISER FOR OFH**

Thanks to Panera Bread for using the soft-launch of the new Sunshine location in Springfield as a way to help those in need by donating \$1,060 to Ozarks Food Harvest.

HUNGER OHERO NEWS

VOLUNTEER & FOOD DRIVE PROGRAMS

SPRING 2017



MIKE AND CINDY MCKNELLY VOLUNTEER WITH THE FOOD BANK. CINDY STARTED BECAUSE OF A WORK REQUIREMENT, BUT ENJOYED IT SO MUCH SHE CONTINUES VOLUNTEERING WITH HER HUSBAND.

COUPLE ENJOYS GIVING BACK TIME TOGETHER

Husband and wife duo Mike and Cindy McKnelly bring energy to Ozarks Food Harvest when they volunteer.

Although the Tuesday night volunteer session begins at 6 p.m., their positive and joyful spirits would lead onlookers to believe that their day was just beginning.

Mike and Cindy began volunteering once a month at Ozarks Food Harvest in September.

Cindy's job as an administrative director for physician billing at CoxHealth requires volunteer hours. She brought Mike along, and since they loved the experience, the two decided to increase to three volunteer sessions a month.

"I like it because we're up, we're moving, we're doing things," Cindy said. "It's not sitting there, I like the hands on. It helps me escape because I don't have to think a lot about everything ... You get to talk to people, you get to know other individuals."

The two have been married for 36 years

and have lived in Springfield since 1983. They believe that investing in the well-being of the Springfield community is important.

"You have to live within the community, so you do want to see it prosper and you do want to see it grow, and you do want to see a lot of the hunger issues and the homeless issues get resolved," Mike said.

"It's not that we are going to solve it all here and [that volunteering at Ozarks Food Harvest] is going to take care of all of it, but it's at least a little part of it. And if everyone did a little bit, it probably wouldn't take that much. But you've got to start somewhere."

The McNellys value time together, whether it's through volunteering or spending time at their condo at Lake of the Ozarks.

"For a lot of couples, the kids are what their time is spent on, and when the children leave they don't have things that they do together anymore," Cindy said. "Volunteering is one of those things you can do together."

OFH CELEBRATES VOLUNTEERS

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, which is 30 days dedicated to recognizing the amazing work that volunteers do all across America.

The help that Ozarks Food Harvest's volunteers provide is invaluable. If The Food Bank did not have any volunteers, nearly 15 full-time employees would be needed to sort food, pack Senior Food boxes and Weekend Backpacks, assist with events, help distribute food at the Crimson House pantry and mobile pantries, take care of our community garden and help with emergency gleans.

In fiscal year 2016, our volunteers helped provide over four million meals thanks to their support processing food for distribution.

In order to show our deep appreciation, we are working on a display in the Volunteer Center that will honor those who have donated over 1,000 hours of time. This display will be unveiled during National Volunteer Week, April 23-29.

A heartfelt thanks goes to more than 3,900 volunteers who donated their time in fiscal year 2016, and who continue to aid in the fight against hunger. To learn more about how to get involved as a volunteer, visit ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer.



VOLUNTEERS DISTRIBUTE FOOD AT A MOBILE FOOD PANTRY IN NORTH SPRINGFIELD.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Here at The Food Bank, we make an effort to provide different volunteer opportunities at times that will fit nearly any schedule.

One volunteer job that we often need help with is sorting food donations. We are so thankful to have a community of compassionate volunteers who we can depend on to properly go through food to ensure that every item we send out is safe for people to eat. We would love to invite you

to our warehouse for a daytime or evening volunteer session.

Love gardening or simply being outside? Joining the Glean Team is a great way to soak in the spring weather and help provide fresh produce to children, families and seniors, straight from Ozarks Food Harvest's garden.

To volunteer, fill out our volunteer application and browse for opportunities at ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer.



H&R BLOCK VOLUNTEERS SORT FOOD AT OFH.

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ARVEST BANK'S 1 MILLION MEALS CAMPAIGN RUNS THROUGH JUNE

Arvest Bank is continuing its tradition of rallying the community to help its hungry neighbors in southwest Missouri through its annual campaign, 1 Million Meals.

The campaign, which is named after its goal of providing one million meals to people across the country, runs through June 3. Those who are

interested can donate food or funds to Arvest branches in Springfield and Nixa.

"We're always excited to kick off our 1 Million Meals campaign," said Brad Crain, Arvest Bank of Springfield president and OFH board member. "Our associates especially look forward to joining Ozarks Food Harvest, our customers and the

Be a blessing to those in need by volunteering! Sign up at ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer.

community to impact hunger at a local level ... Arvest is happy to provide a boost to Ozarks Food Harvest during a time of year that traditionally has been a challenge in terms of fundraising and providing meals to families in need."

Last year 20,502 meals were provided through

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