



# HARVEST TIME



OZARKS FOOD HARVEST - THE FOOD BANK | NEWSLETTER FROM THE O'REILLY CENTER FOR HUNGER RELIEF

## HOLIDAY BOXES HELP STRUGGLING FAMILIES

### Agencies benefit from availability of seasonal food from Food Bank

Without help from her local food pantry, Beth, a mother of two from rural Barton County, said she doesn't know how she'd get through the holidays.

"We cut costs every possible way we can think of," she said. "My husband works, but it's not enough income for a family of four, and childcare costs a lot so we chose for me to not work."

Beth said the holidays can be hard with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to plan for, as well as figuring out how she will afford presents for her daughter, Dominique, and son, Titus.

**"They've given me so much. I like to give back as much as they've given me."**

-Beth, holiday box recipient

"It's stressful, but Good Samaritan has been very helpful," she said. "It makes worrying about food easier so we can concentrate on bills ... it takes a lot of the stress off so you can actually enjoy the holidays."

While her husband is at his job making hunting blinds and the kids are in school, Beth spends her days giving back to the pantry that has helped her family, The Good Samaritan Shop in Lamar.

She said, "They've given me so much. I like to give back as much as they've given me."

The pantry will help her family even more during this month with a box of food tailored to holiday meals.

The Good Samaritan Shop in Lamar is one of nearly 50 member agencies that are participating in Ozarks Food Harvest's holiday box program this season.

This program, which began last year, offers agencies bulk rates on holiday staples like sweet potatoes, stuffing, turkeys and gravy.

Prior to offering these items through pick-up and delivery from Ozarks Food Harvest, food pantries were often sourcing these items themselves which led to higher costs and using more of their time and resources.

Chris Elswick with The Good Samaritan Shop is participating in the program for the first time this year.

"Before we had local food drives and they just brought in anything and everything. Then we had to sort it out and purchase what we still needed from local store," he said. "This is going to save us quite a bit of money. It's just a good deal all around."

Elswick said the pantry will supply holiday boxes to about 450 families this year.

"It makes all of us that work here feel good," he said about helping folks in need of food assistance. "Almost all of the people are very appreciative of what they are getting."

This is the second year the pantry at Cassville United Methodist Church will participate in the program.

"The fact that Ozarks Food Harvest thought out having these items in stock, we have the diversification of products available to us that we wouldn't otherwise," said Janet Mills, program coordinator at Cassville UMC pantry.

Mills said the program allows for families to have more traditional holiday meals, which might not have been possible without the food assistance.

"We hope that after they visited us,

we have extended a feeling of warmth and comfort and encouragement," she said.

Lori Hunter with Mission Joplin said the pantry greatly benefits from accessing the bulk rate for the holiday staples.

"Today we had 40 families that came in. Just knowing that they're getting food they didn't have before, it's a blessing to me personally, and for us as a mission," she shared. "Being able to get food from Ozarks Food Harvest, we are able to get more food and help more families than before."

Ozarks Food Harvest is able to offer this holiday program because of the generosity of donors like you. ■





DEREK NELSON, SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER AT KUM & GO, PRESENTS A CHECK FOR \$1,000 TO OZARKS FOOD HARVEST PRESIDENT/CEO BART BROWN IN HONOR OF THE NEW PARTNERSHIP.

# WALMART GRANT HELPS 66 AGENCIES

This year marks the eighth time the Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program has awarded a pass-through grant to Ozarks Food Harvest to provide funding for its member pantries and programs.

Walmart's gift of \$125,000 in grants was divided among 66 member agencies selected by The Food Bank. Because of the power of this matching grant, the total impact will be \$250,000. Agencies have until February to raise the matching funds.

The Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program supports organizations, like Ozarks Food Harvest, that create opportunities so people can live better, awarding grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across the U.S.

Agencies have come up with creative ways to meet the match and get their communities involved. The Cassville United Methodist Church food pantry is planning Tinsel Tea, a Christmas holiday fundraiser. Project 360 Youth Services is in the preliminary stages of planning a bowling tournament and the Korth Senior Center in El Dorado Springs will be raffling a donated mountain bike in order to raise their funds.

The St. Joseph Catholic pantry located in Billings aims to raise their funds by selling black walnuts, hosting a bake sale and planning a fundraiser with musical entertainment. Last year, this pantry's community hosted a tractor pull that helped meet the match.

"Because of this generous donation, our hunger-relief partners will be able to obtain more nutrient-rich food for their clients," said Bart Brown, president/CEO of Ozarks Food Harvest. "Because of this partnership, we are able to help even more people, and that is truly at the heart of everything we do at Ozarks Food Harvest." ■

# KUM & GO PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES FRESH MEALS

## Nine stores donating food directly to pantries, programs

Kum & Go and Ozarks Food Harvest are partnering for a new food rescue program that began this fall. As the newest *Retail Pick-Up* partner, Kum & Go donates safe, prepared excess food to Ozarks Food Harvest's partner agencies. Items donated include breakfast sandwiches, hot and cold lunch sandwiches, salad and produce, fresh packaged bread and bakery items.

"As we continue to look for ways to reduce waste, help our communities and tackle hunger close to home, we are excited to get the program up and running," said Derek Nelson, sustainability manager for Kum & Go.

This marks the ninth store in Ozarks Food Harvest's service area to donate unsold food, with plans to continue expanding the program as new stores open.

From the existing stores participating in the food rescue program, Kum & Go donated almost 6,000 food items in the month of October alone.

"We are thrilled to partner with Kum & Go in their food rescue efforts," said Esther Munch, Development Director at Harmony House, a Food Bank member receiving food from a



REPRESENTATIVES FROM AREA AGENCIES SHARE HOW THE PROGRAM IS HELPING THEIR CLIENTS.

Springfield Kum & Go. "The donation of fresh, healthy foods is welcomed by our residents and will make a wonderful addition to the meals we offer."

Ten member agencies are currently picking up food, including Christian County Family Crisis Center, Community Kitchen in Republic, Crosslines in Joplin, Footsteps, Harmony House, Least of These, Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Monett Community Kitchen, Salvation Army in Joplin and The H.O.U.S.E., Inc. More agencies will be added within the coming months.

To celebrate the partnership and the latest store grand opening, Kum & Go presented a \$1,000 check to Ozarks Food Harvest. ■



THE HUNGER CHALLENGE GRANT FROM WALMART WILL HELP AGENCIES SECURE FOOD FROM OZARKS FOOD HARVEST.

# DONATIONS WELL-SPENT AT OZARKS FOOD HARVEST

Happy Holidays from the O'Reilly Center for Hunger Relief!

The holiday season presents a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the year, as well as the opportunities that lie ahead.

Ozarks Food Harvest once again had a record distribution year, adding new member agencies, donation partners and growing its programs that serve the community every day of the year.

In addition, we saw a reduction in the number of folks in the Ozarks who struggle to put food on the table. Although one in five children and one in seven adults struggling with food insecurity is still too high, we know that we're moving in the right direction.

We also had some challenges. A lack of space at the O'Reilly Center for Hunger Relief caused us to re-direct 1.5 million pounds of food to neighboring food banks. However, because of our belief in our vision, we're in the homestretch of fundraising for the Ending Hunger, Building Hope Capital Campaign to double the size of our facility.

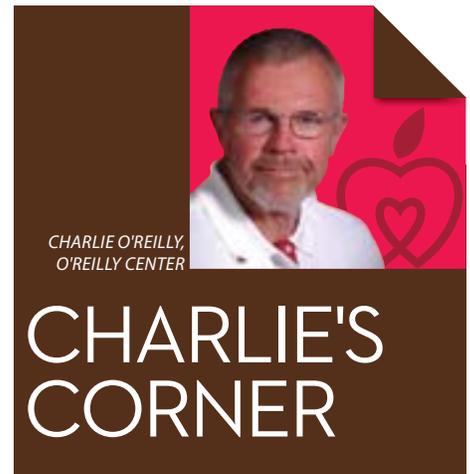
The success of Ozarks Food Harvest is truly thanks to you, our donors. Your passion for the mission of ending hunger in southwest Missouri and your gift of donations and time is what allows us to continue to meet the need.

I believe every gift to Ozarks Food Harvest is money well spent. With each \$1 donation leveraged to \$10 worth of food and services,

I don't know of a place that impacts the community more and meets such a basic but critical need.

Parents like Melodie in Springfield help me understand just how important a gift can be. Her sons are recipients of the *Weekend Backpack Program* at Truman Elementary.

She shared, "Thank you for all you do for not only my boys, but all the families who you



help every year. My words cannot express the depth of my gratitude for the care and love you have shown to our community's children."

When you give to Ozarks Food Harvest, your generosity spreads over 20,000 square miles in our community to 270 pantries, feeding sites and programs, touching the lives of 261,000 children, adults and seniors each year.

As we experience the joy of spending time with loved ones this holiday season, I can't think of a better way to make the season bright than a gift to Ozarks Food Harvest.

Just imagine that a \$50 gift today provides 200 meals tomorrow for families in need. Your support is felt immediately, and is so needed as we wrap-up the holidays and head into the New Year.

Give Bart a call today, or visit [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org) to make a secure online gift. Thank you for your help to make the holidays happier and healthier for our neighbors in need. ■



YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT FAMILIES LIKE MELODIE'S DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHECK OUT HUNGER THROUGH DEC. 31

Help Check Out Hunger at local grocers across the Ozarks by adding a \$1, \$3 or \$5 tax-free donation to your grocery bill.

Seventy-five stores will participate in the annual holiday campaign, including Akin's Natural Foods, Apple Market, Country Mart, Harter House, Hy-Vee, King Cash Saver, Murfin's Market, Price Cutter, Price Cutter Plus, Ramey, Rhodes Family Price Chopper, Summer Fresh, Town & Country Supermarket and Woods Supermarket.

Last year, \$45,482 was donated to provide nearly 182,000 meals. Since 1998, the holiday campaign has collected \$464,364 providing 2.28 million meals. ■



Donate \$1, \$3 or \$5 at the cash register to help feed children, families and seniors in need in southwest Missouri.

### FOOD FIGHT - JAN. 15-26

Springfield Public Schools will host the 7th Food Fight competition in January.

Food Fight is a food and fund drive competition among Springfield and area businesses and organizations. Learn more on page seven. ■

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD - COMING IN MARCH

Look for the 29th annual Scouting for Food drive coming in March. Area Boy Scouts will go door-to-door in the community to collect nonperishable food for Ozarks Food Harvest.

Community members can donate in the grocery sacks left at their door to help feed people in the Ozarks.

Donations will also be accepted at Ozark Trails Council headquarters, located at 1616 S. Eastgate Ave. in Springfield. ■

# BART'S HOPE NOTES



BART BROWN,  
PRESIDENT/CEO

Poverty continues to be a challenge for folks who live in our community.

Wages in the Ozarks are much-lower than the national average, and in Springfield, wages are at just 60 percent compared to what people are earning nationally.

It's heartbreaking to think about the folks in our community who face obstacles securing housing and transportation because of low-wages, causing them to take on debt just to cover the everyday costs of living.

But thankfully, we live in a community who doesn't turn its back on our neighbors.

The latest Community Focus Report released this fall shared that although our wages put us on the low-end of earning, our community donates to nonprofits at a higher rate than the national average.

This report continues to highlight

# COLLABORATION IS KEY

poverty as a red flag, but collaboration and volunteerism are two areas where our community has earned a blue ribbon.

We know our community faces challenges, but I believe we've proved that we care enough to do something about it. The report card commends area agencies for working together to address this problem.

At Ozarks Food Harvest, collaboration is at the heart of what we do. As you know, our food bank acts as a distribution point to provide millions of pounds of food to 270 food pantries, feeding sites and programs.

It's by working together that we're able to reach more than 261,000 people each year with food assistance.

And another critical collaborator is you, our donor. Thousands of you respond each year to our requests for donations of food, funds and time. We hope you understand that without your compassion, Ozarks Food Harvest and its 270 member pantries wouldn't be able to meet the pressing need for food assistance.

We recently spoke with our friend Heather, pantry manager at Good Samaritan in Waynesville. She shared that she's always had a passion for service and helping people set goals to move away from needing resources.

"Most of them, they come in for food, but they don't know the resources," Heather said. "They're stuck, and they don't know which step to take to get them through the next level to get on their own."



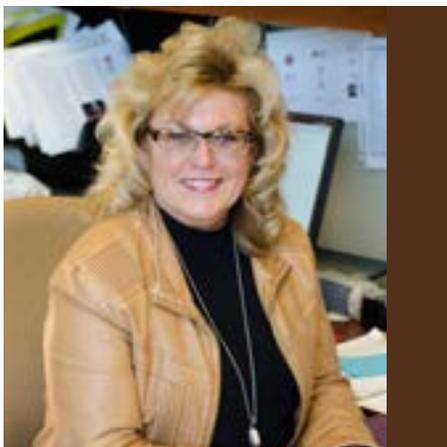
GOOD SAMARITAN DISTRIBUTES FOOD WEEKLY.

Thankfully, organizations like Good Samaritan are there to help.

"There was a military mom that came in and she had been feeding her kids popcorn for four days. She didn't know that there was a pantry that could help her," Heather shared. "The volunteer bagged up her things ... and came back in and he had tears in his eyes. He said, 'I've never had an experience like that where the kids saw the groceries and were like, Mommy, does this mean we don't have to eat popcorn anymore?'"

Poverty is a heartbreaking challenge for too many families, and with poverty comes unstable access to food. It's because of people like you that those children that Heather told us about are eating a hot, nutritious meal.

Your gifts of generosity are meeting needs today, and breaking cycles of poverty for the future. Thank you for your support, and happy holidays from our family to yours. ■



DENISE GIBSON,  
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

## FROM DENISE'S DESK

# BECOME A SUSTAINING DONOR

As the year is coming to a close, I've found myself reflecting on how fortunate we are to be a part of such a compassionate community. This past winter we established Harvest Circle, our group of monthly supporters. I consider these donors to be the heart of The Food Bank. We rely on their continuous support to sustain us so we can provide 17 million meals each year to the families and seniors who struggle to put food on the table.

When you join Harvest Circle, you are joining a group of dedicated donors who make monthly gifts to provide a steady stream of funds for The Food Bank. These gifts allow us to effectively budget to meet the need in the community.

Jacklynn, an elementary student who receives food through the *Weekend Backpack Program*, recently expressed her thankfulness for the food she receives from Ozarks Food Harvest. "I love the food," she shared. "I'm so grateful that you would do this for us. I don't



MONTHLY GIFTS HELPS KIDS LIKE JACKLYNN.

know what I would have done without you."

Our monthly donors allow us to help even more children like Jacklynn.

To join Harvest Circle contact Jennifer Sickinger at [jsickinger@ozarksfoodharvest.org](mailto:jsickinger@ozarksfoodharvest.org).

We hope you will consider making a donation to Ozarks Food Harvest this holiday season. If you would like to make a year-end gift, just mail your donation in the enclosed envelope. You can also make a gift online at [ozarksfoodharvest.org/donate](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org/donate).

Happy holidays and thank you for all that you do to help those in need! ■

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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](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org).

# SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE FRIENDS OF THE FOOD BANK



OFH BOARD AND STAFF ACCEPT A DONATION FROM MERCY CLINIC FORCE FOR GOOD.

## MERCY SUPPORTS BACKPACK KIDS

The Mercy Clinic Force for Good fund granted \$30,000 to Ozarks Food Harvest to support the *Weekend Backpack Program*! This fund was established in 2003 as a way for Mercy physicians and co-workers to give back to the community. Force for Good has supported The Food Bank for more than a decade, donating \$248,000 to help feed children in need.

## CATERPILLAR FOUNDATION SUPPORTS HOWELL COUNTY

Ozarks Food Harvest received a \$26,195 grant from the Caterpillar Foundation, thanks to Feeding America, to help fight hunger in Howell County. This gift will bring more food to people struggling with hunger in the Ozarks, including the West Plains area, which is home to a Caterpillar facility. This is the fourth year the foundation has provided support to Howell County. Thanks, Caterpillar!



PROTEIN IS A MUCH-NEEDED ITEM AT OFH.

## TYSON DONATES 40K POUNDS

For the tenth year, Tyson Foods donated 40,000 pounds of chicken to Ozarks Food Harvest in honor of the Cans for Coffee food drive in partnership with McDonald's of the Ozarks. Protein is a frequently requested food at The Food Bank. Heartfelt thanks to Tyson!

## MIDWEST DAIRY PURCHASES COOLERS FOR MILK PROGRAM

Special thanks to Midwest Dairy for its donation of three two-door coolers and three portable coolers to help Food Bank agencies participating in the Milk to My Plate Program. The program allows agencies to purchase milk from Hiland Dairy at a discounted price. Thanks to Midwest Dairy for making it easier for pantries to supply milk!



OFH'S CHRISTINE TEMPLE, TESSA COOPER AND DENISE GIBSON WITH CBCO'S ANTHONY ROBERTS.

## CBCO DONATES \$2,000 TO OFH

Thanks to Community Blood Center of the Ozarks for gifting \$2,000 to Ozarks Food Harvest for having the most support from its donors again this year among 10 participating nonprofits. CBCO started the LifePoints Lift program nearly three years ago to give blood donors the opportunity to help even more people. Blood donors can choose to support a charity by giving points earned from donating blood.

## LOCAL ELKS LODGE DONATES

Springfield Elks Lodge 409 presented Ozarks Food Harvest with a check for \$1,500 to the *Weekend Backpack Program*. This donation was made possible with a grant from Elks National Foundation in honor of its 150th anniversary. With nearly one in five children at risk of going to bed hungry, this program is a much needed part of the community.

## FIRST WATCH OPENING BENEFITS THE FOOD BANK

Ozarks Food Harvest benefitted from the soft opening of First Watch, a breakfast and lunch café on National Ave. In total, patrons donated \$4,731 to provide nearly 19,000 meals!

# HUNGER HERO NEWS

VOLUNTEER & FOOD DRIVE PROGRAMS

HOLIDAY 2017



RON PENNEY, PRIVATE WEALTH ADVISOR WITH AMERIPRISE, SORTS PRODUCE AT OZARKS FOOD HARVEST'S VOLUNTEER CENTER. PENNEY'S OFFICE HAS GIVEN 169 VOLUNTEER HOURS SINCE 2015.

## AMERIPRISE ENCOURAGES EMPLOYEES TO GIVE BACK

Ameriprise Financial employees strive every day to provide their clients with the best financial advice. Their company values respect for individuals and the communities in which they are a part of. Employees live out this value by donating time as volunteers.

Twice a year, Ameriprise Financial organizes a company-wide National Day of Service to help those in need. In 2016, 14,000 employees participated in this campaign and donated 81,000 hours of time.

Locally, Ameriprise Financial continues to give to Ozarks Food Harvest. Three area offices have given 589 hours of time.

"Volunteering for Ozarks Food Harvest is a good thing for our employees to do to help people less fortunate than us," said Ron Penney, private wealth advisor of Penney, Murray & Associates, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial. "We continue to support Ozarks Food Harvest because there is such a big need when it

comes to hunger here in the Ozarks."

He explained that Ameriprise employees enjoy volunteering as a group at Ozarks Food Harvest every chance they are given.

"Volunteering here is great for the morale of our employees and for the culture of our company. We believe it is good to get out of the office and do something to give back to our community, instead of just working," Penney said. "It's nice to be able to see the crew outside of the office."

Penney said when he was growing up he remembers some family members needing assistance, including his grandmother. He can recall people dropping off food to her. This has given him the desire to continue helping others today.

"Volunteering at Ozarks Food Harvest is something we all look forward to," he said. "We enjoy the spirit of the team doing something productive and positive. It reminds us how lucky we all really are." ■

## RECORD HARVEST

Ozarks Food Harvest's Glean Team had another successful growing season this year.

Thanks to the continued hard work from volunteers, 29,633 pounds of locally-grown produce was harvested. The Plant a Row for the Hungry initiative also brought in 20,916 pounds of fresh produce, leaving the *Full Circle Gardens* program total at 50,549 pounds this season. Ozarks Food Harvest could not have done it without the help from compassionate volunteers and partners!

The Food Bank would like to give a special thanks Second Baptist Church's Victory Garden for growing 35,615 pounds this year to support several area nonprofits. Food Bank staff appreciate their dedication to feeding the hungry.

Ozarks Food Harvest would also like to thank Ozarks Natural Foods, MU Extension, Westlake Ace Hardware, Grow Well Missouri, Harvest on Wheels, Steinert's Greenhouse and Nursery, Schaffitzel's Flowers and Greenhouses, Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Disney, Fasnicht Creek Farm, 3M, Campbell's Farm, Springfield Greene County Health Department, Springfield Community Gardens and Johnny's Selected Seeds.

"We had an incredible growing season at our home garden and so have our amazing partners. Together we've been able to garden smarter and more efficiently, getting more fresh produce out to folks who need it," said Alexa Poindexter, *Full Circle Gardens* coordinator. "We're excited to aim even higher in 2018." ■



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED YEAR-ROUND TO HARVEST PRODUCE WITH THE GLEAN TEAM.

# FOOD, FUND DRIVE HOSTS NEEDED IN 2018

When the excitement from the holidays starts to fade, families still continue to struggle with hunger in our community. Unfortunately during this time, food and fund drives start to die down.

Hosting a drive is a great way to give back to your community. You can help collect food and funds for Ozarks Food Harvest and its network of food pantries and hunger-relief organizations across 28 Missouri counties

by hosting a food drive with your school, business, church or organization. Virtual drives are also available!

The Food Bank's most-needed items include protein-rich food, cereal and vegetables. Each \$1 donated will provide four meals.

To learn more about hosting a food drive, head to Ozarks Food Harvest's website at [ozarksfoodharvest.org/fooddrive](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org/fooddrive) or contact Jennifer at 417-865-3411. ■



HOSTING A DRIVE IS EASY AND EFFECTIVE.

## THANK YOU!

### INDIVIDUALS 20+ HOURS

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| Ruby Allen         | Kyle Jenkins         |
| Emily Applegate    | Harvey Kaylor        |
| Douglas Balogh     | Kristi Killingsworth |
| Sharon Bertalott   | Freeman Kleier       |
| Jim Blackwell      | Donald Landon        |
| Margaret Blackwell | Larry Lanning        |
| Charley Bowen      | George Lawrence      |
| Trudy Bowen        | Jesse Leach          |
| Karla Carroll      | Sunday Leigh         |
| Tom Carson         | Libbey McDaniel      |
| Gale Clithero      | Dave McGee           |
| Pamela Collard     | Melvie Mosier        |
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| Kirk Hawkins       | Robert Wullner       |
| Fabio Heredia      | Jerry Yoakum         |
| Patti Hudgins      | Tyler Young          |
| Ray Jackson        |                      |
| Julia Jenkins      |                      |
| Kindal Jenkins     |                      |

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### FOOD DRIVES 150+ POUNDS

- Ozark Mountain Media Group & JJO Radio — 9,204
- MSU Homecoming Can We Build It — 6,568
- Kickapoo High School Fall Festival — 2,719
- Central Bank of the Ozarks — 1,825
- Oasis Hotel & Convention Center — 1,527
- Independent Stave Company — 1,084
- McBride Elementary School — 562
- Wyndham Vacation Ownership — 409
- Parkview High School — 392
- Missouri Title Loans — 366
- Grant Avenue Freewill Baptist Church — 338
- Ascend Dental Design — 318
- The Greens at Springfield — 259
- The Waterford at Ironbridge — 254
- MoDOT Employees District 8 — 251
- Gem of India's Diwali Festival of Lights — 245
- Horace Mann Elementary — 245
- Performance Foodservice — 232
- Health Sciences Academy at Mercy — 224
- CoxHealth Radiology & Laboratory — 218
- CoxHealth - Clinical Decision Unit — 200
- Mercy Central Patient Access — 170
- Finnegan's Wake Seinfeld Trivia Night - 160
- Rountree Elementary School — 160
- Parkcrest Dental Group — 159

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### Congratulations, Karla Carroll!

Karla reached the pinnacle of 1,000 hours of time donated! She volunteers with the Full Circle Gardens Program and in the Volunteer Center. She has been a volunteer since 2011. Heartfelt thanks to dedicated volunteers, like Karla, who make the work at The Food Bank possible.

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### GROUPS 20+ HOURS

- 3M
- Academy of Hair Design
- Alexander Open Systems
- Central H.S. Key Club
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks
- CoxHealth Care
- CoxHealth Clinical Decision Unit
- DairiConcepts
- Expedia
- Faith for Life - Campbell UMC
- Federal Deposit Insurance Cooperation
- FedEx
- First & Calvary Presbyterian Church
- First Unitarian Universalist
- Glanbia Nutritionals
- Gold Mountain Communications
- Good Samaritan - Step Ahead Program
- Humana
- Hutson Family
- Kern Insurance
- King's Way UMC
- Logan & Friends
- MSU Residence Life
- MSU Community Involvement & Service
- National Heights Baptist Church - Youth
- Republic H.S. National Honor Society
- National Imaging
- New Apostolic Church Youth
- Parkview English Teachers
- ROI Transportation
- Strafford H.S. FBLA
- Sun Solar
- The Kindness Commission
- The Scranton Family
- Vision Clinic
- Wesley UMC
- Willard H.S. National Honor Society

# SPS FOOD FIGHT COMPETITION AMONG SCHOOLS MOVES TO JANUARY

Springfield Public Schools will host the 7th annual Food Fight competition, Jan. 15-26.

Food Fight is a food and fund drive competition among Springfield Public Schools with Partners in Education. The mission of the Food Fight competition is to raise hunger awareness across the district and stock

community and school pantry shelves following the holiday season.

During this event, participating schools partner with an area business or organization to collect food and funds.

Trophies will be presented to the winning middle and high schools. Elementary schools

will compete among their schools' classrooms, with the five classrooms that collect the most winning field trips to Ozarks Food Harvest.

SPS schools, as well as local businesses, churches and organizations who want to partner with a school, can register by visiting [ozarksfoodharvest.org/foodfight2018](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org/foodfight2018). ■



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