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OZARKS FOOD HARVEST - THE FOOD BANK

NEWSLETTER FROM THE O'REILLY CENTER FOR HUNGER RELIEF

GIVING KIDS HOPE FOR THE SUMMER

One in five children in the Ozarks is food insecure

Throughout the year, thousands of children receive free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch from the school cafeteria each day. But what happens as the spring semester ends and summer begins?

One in five children in southwest Missouri doesn't know where their next meal will come from. They rely on their schools for nutrition that helps them learn, focus and play. Without the consistency of these meals during the summer, many don't have the energy to enjoy the season.

Isabella is a 10-year-old who loves swimming and playing with her friends. But in the summer, she doesn't always have the energy to get outside and play.

"When I'm hungry, I don't feel like I can have as much fun. I feel tired and just lay in the grass," she said.

Summer is broken for thousands of kids just like Isabella across southwest Missouri. That's where Ozarks Food Harvest steps in.

From late May to mid-August, summer feeding sites open their doors and invite children in for a free meal. The food at these

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-Isabella, 10 years old

Ozarks Food Harvest *Summer Food* sites allow kids to stop worrying about food and start enjoying the summer.

Last summer, The Food Bank provided 30,000 meals and 5,300 snacks across its 15 feeding site partners.

"We do this to replace the meals that kids usually get during the school year," said Erin Thomason, nutrition programs coordinator at The Food Bank. "And anytime, the kids can just walk in and get a meal, no questions asked."

Jayne Keith is the director of after-school

care and summer food coordinator at the Ann Short Turner Community Center in Mansfield. Each day, she sees how kids' faces light up when they receive a meal.

"One day a boy came in and when I asked him if he wanted to eat, he told me he didn't have any money. I told him that it was okay and that everyone gets a snack.

Then, he ran home to get his younger sisters so they could have a snack, too," she said.

Keith experiences these things each and every day at the feeding site, and because of The Food Bank, she is able to send food home with kids that need it the most.

During the school year, many of these children also need food for the weekends. Through the *Weekend Backpack Program*, Ozarks Food Harvest provides 346,000 meals to hungry kids each school year. The food bags are packed by gracious volunteers who know how important it is for kids to have healthy meal options every day of the week.

"Kids get excited when they get their food bags to go home. They don't have to worry about what they're going to eat," said Amber Brasier, school counselor at Robberson Elementary School.

With the *Summer Food* program and the *Weekend Backpack Program* kids know they'll have enough food to help them continue learning and growing throughout the year.

Isabella loves having the energy to play with her best friend during the summer, and she can count on getting the nutrition she needs to nourish her body through The Food Bank.

"I love the food I get when I come to the

community center in the summer. It's yummy and makes me feel good!" she said.

There are thousands of hungry children in southwest Missouri who long to just be kids and enjoy the season. Along with so many faithful volunteers and donors, The Food Bank helps give kids hope for the summer—and the future. ■





ARVEST BANK'S 1 MILLION MEALS CAMPAIGN RAISED MORE THAN 26,000 MEALS TO HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN THE OZARKS.

LOCAL SUPPORT MAKES BIG IMPACT

Locally-owned businesses are pillars of the community. Throughout the years, Ozarks Food Harvest has partnered with many that are committed to fighting hunger. These partnerships raise awareness of The Food Bank's mission, recruit volunteers and feed more hungry families throughout southwest Missouri.

Two of our most generous partners are 5 Pound Apparel and Neighbor's Mill. Through these partnerships, Ozarks Food Harvest has been able to provide even more meals to those in need. Since 2013, 5 Pound Apparel has raised enough to provide 38,750 meals—and hope—for thousands of children, families and seniors. For every 5 Pound Apparel-branded t-shirt, hat, candle, koozie, postcard and coffee mug purchased in the store or online, 5 Pound Apparel donates five pounds of food to Ozarks Food Harvest.

The Food Bank's partnership with Neighbor's Mill Bakery and Café began in 2016. Since then, the restaurant and its customers have provided 500 meals for the *Weekend Backpack Program* and 26,700 meals for local families in need. Neighbor's Mill also regularly provides delicious food for Ozarks Food Harvest's special events.

Through food drives, event sponsorships and checkout fundraisers, 5 Pound Apparel and Neighbor's Mill help promote community involvement and spread the mission of Ozarks Food Harvest. It takes everyone supporting the same cause—locally-owned businesses, schools, individuals and more—to *Transform Hunger into Hope* in the local community. ■



SUPPORT OZARKS FOOD HARVEST BY SHOPPING AT 5 POUND APPAREL.

1 MILLION MEALS DRIVE PROVIDES FOOD THIS SUMMER

Eighth year collects more than 2.1 million meals bank-wide

Arvest Bank wrapped up its eighth consecutive year of the 1 Million Meals campaign in early June. The campaign raises food and funds for local people struggling with hunger. This year's campaign at the Springfield and Nixa branches collected \$6,457 and 847 nonperishable food items for Ozarks Food Harvest.

During the summer months, the need for food increases as many families must provide additional meals that children were receiving at school. Donations from the campaign will help provide kids and their families with the food they need to have a happy, healthy and fun summer.

Throughout the two month campaign, various branches hosted activities to engage the community including a Star Wars-themed lunch, several barbecues and a National Donut Day celebration.

"We are thrilled, and humbled, by the success of this year's 1 Million Meals campaign. We could not have done it without the hard work and generosity of our associates, customers and community members," said Brad Crain, president and CEO of Arvest Bank in Springfield.

Throughout Arvest Bank's branches in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma, more than 2.1 million meals were raised to directly benefit 70 organizations.

"This campaign helps make a tremendous impact on ending hunger in southwest Missouri. We want to give a sincere thank you to the Arvest associates and all of the donors who supported our mission this year," said Bart Brown, president and CEO of Ozarks Food Harvest.

To learn more about how 1 Million Meals is impacting local communities, visit arvest.com/millionmeals. ■



ARVEST EMPLOYEES REGULARLY VOLUNTEER AT THE FOOD BANK.

ZONE BLITZ BRINGS POSITIVE CHANGE

Hello again from the O'Reilly Center for Hunger Relief!

Nearly two years have passed since the Zone 1 Blitz began in northwest Springfield. During the blitz, over 300 organizations—including Ozarks Food Harvest—committed to help improve the lives of residents in the northwest quadrant of Springfield. Projects included weatherization upgrades for homes, new sidewalk construction, bus stop additions, an expansion of affordable internet access and an increase to food access across Zone 1.

Since 2015, food access in Greene County has increased by 73 percent. And through 11 food pantries in Zones 1 and 2, 5 million meals—nearly \$8 million worth of food—were distributed by Ozarks Food Harvest.



OZARKS FOOD HARVEST PROVIDES FOOD FOR EMILY AND HER FAMILY.

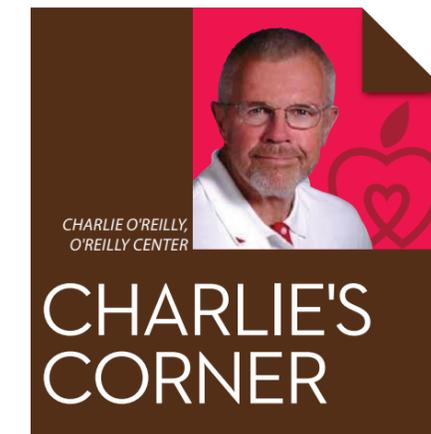
The Food Bank also distributed 512,100 meals to Springfield Public Schools through the backpack program over the past two years. All of Ozarks Food Harvest's programs are ongoing and slated for strategic growth both in Zone 1 and across Springfield.

Hunger and poverty go hand in hand, and solving the issue is an important subject to tackle if we want to build a better Springfield. Although many Zone 1 residents hold steady jobs and work hard to support their families, they still have trouble putting food on the table. Ozarks Food Harvest joined forces with community partners including Community Foundation of the Ozarks, the Northwest Project and others to address these root causes of poverty.

Emily, a 5th grader in Greene County,

knows what it's like to feel hungry and is grateful for how Ozarks Food Harvest provides for her family. "My dad's money from work goes to bills, and the food bags give my family food for each week. I'm thankful for the food bags."

There are many families just like Emily's all across Springfield. But with Ozarks Food Harvest, they can rest assured that



they will get the food they need.

As a supporter of The Food Bank and member of this community, I believe in the hard work that Ozarks Food Harvest is doing to feed our neighbors in need and better the community.

Without the food pantries located in Zone 1, thousands of people in northwest Springfield would have gone to bed hungry over the past two years.

I encourage you to learn more about how the Zone 1 Blitz is improving the lives of families across the community. It's amazing to see how people are joining together to make this happen. By supporting Ozarks Food Harvest, you can help hungry people living in northwest Springfield—and across the 28 counties The Food Bank serves.

I believe that if we all come together and offer what we have—whether it's our time, our money, our services or something else—that we can create a better community. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

HUNGERTHON ON 105.9 KGBX - SEPT. 7-10

Join Kevin & Liz on iHeartMedia's 105.9 KGBX as they raise money to combat childhood hunger in southwest Missouri during the 20th annual Hungerthon. Since 1999, Hungerthon has provided more than 1.3 million meals to children in need across the Ozarks. Consider sponsoring a *Weekend Backpack Program* child for an entire school year for just \$25 a month—or \$12.50 a month for one semester. Tune in to the live radio-thon to make your pledge between Friday, Sept. 7 and Monday, Sept. 10, or contact Jennifer at 416-865-3411, ext. 110 to become a sponsor. ■

LUCAS OIL SPEEDWAY FOOD DRIVE - JULY 28

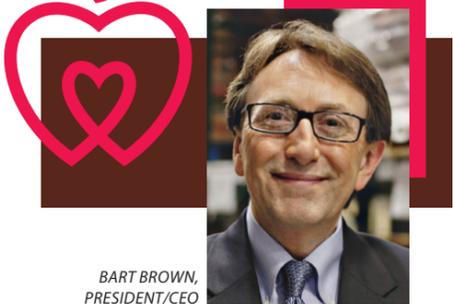
Satisfy your need for speed at Lucas Oil Speedway on Saturday, July 28. This night, sponsored by OnMedia, Dish and DirectTV and the Lucas Oil Speedway Racing Series, will feature exciting dirt track racing the whole family will love. Since 2012, the event has collected more than 47,000 pounds of food—the equivalent of 39,288 meals—for people in need in southwest Missouri. Bring four nonperishable food items to donate and receive free admission. All donations will benefit Ozarks Food Harvest and Hickory County C.A.R.E.S. Gates open at 5 p.m., hot laps begin at 7 p.m. and the racing starts at 7:30 p.m. ■

EMPTY BOWLS - SEPT. 28

Join Ozarks Food Harvest and Panera Bread for the 5th annual Empty Bowls on September 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Panera located at 4100 S. Campbell Ave. Since 2014, the event has provided more than 95,000 meals to people in southwest Missouri. Pick up your favorite soup and bread, and choose a bowl created by a local artist in exchange for cash donations. Artists interested in donating a bowl can contact Thomas at 417-865-3411, ext. 137. We hope to see you there! ■



BART'S HOPE NOTES



BART BROWN, PRESIDENT/CEO

RAISING AWARENESS OF SUMMER HUNGER

to any and every child who walks through the doors. Over 35,000 meals and snacks are provided across 10 counties from late May to mid-August. Thanks to the USDA's Summer Food Service Program, which reimburses participating agencies for associated costs, kids are able to eat for free for the entire summer.

Several of our summer feeding sites are also able to send food home with the children who need it the most on weekends in the summer.

"We are serving an average of 220 kids per day this summer. The snack packs ensure that if a child needs food over the weekend, they are able to reach into that bag and they have something. Our families are excited that we are providing this program to them this summer," said Rhonda Ghorman, executive director at The Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Missouri.

For children who don't struggle with hunger, it can be difficult to explain that some of their friends from school might not get enough to eat in the summer. It's not easy to tell your own children that hunger exists in the home of your friendly next-door neighbor or with the family across the street.

Although it might be a tough conversation, it's an important one to have. Do your best to answer their questions and teach them about



KAITLYN AND HER FAMILY COUNT ON THE FOOD PANTRY FOR FOOD IN THE SUMMER.

how their actions can make a difference.

Next time the topic arises, try telling your son or daughter about 12-year-old Kaitlyn, who is thankful for those who help keep her refrigerator and pantry full of food in the summer. "The food helps me because we can't really afford food and know that we got it," she said.

Summer is the perfect time to get children involved in the fight against hunger. As you're enjoying watermelon on a warm day or burgers in the backyard, consider telling your kids about how Ozarks Food Harvest is helping more kids enjoy their summers and what they can do to help.

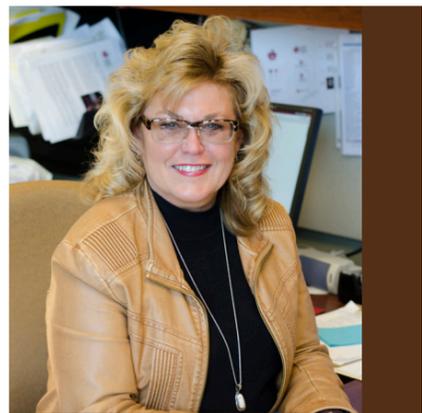
The future is in the hands of our children. Let's teach them how to make an impact in the community. ■

For many kids in the Ozarks, summer is full of worry about an empty refrigerator or pantry.

According to the latest Map the Meal Gap data from Feeding America, 19.6 percent of children in southwest Missouri are food insecure. That amounts to 50,590 kids under the age of 18 that might not know where their next meal will come from.

Many of these children rely on free or reduced-price meals at school throughout the year. But when school closes for the summer, fear and hunger can set in.

At Ozarks Food Harvest, one of our goals is to take the worry out of summer for these kids. Through our *Summer Food* program, thousands of hungry children have access to breakfasts, lunches, snacks and dinners from our partner agencies across southwest Missouri. Each summer, our 15 feeding sites are open



DENISE GIBSON, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

FROM DENISE'S DESK

2018 HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Hunger Action Month will be here before we know it! We have so many events and activities planned to engage the community in the fight against hunger this September.

Throughout the month, Ozarks Food Harvest and other hunger-relief organizations across the country will shed light on food insecurity and how the community can help.

Two of our larger events include Hungerthon and Empty Bowls. You can read more about how to get involved on the previous page.

Another one of our favorites is Go Orange Day, which takes place Sept. 13. Orange is the color of hunger awareness, so we encourage all of our supporters to wear orange to keep hunger top of mind that day.

We also invite you to join us for a night of fun at the Tea Bar & Bites Apron Fashion Show & Silent Auction on Sept. 20. Proceeds will benefit Ozarks Food Harvest, and tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the



JOIN US IN WEARING ORANGE FOR HUNGER AWARENESS ON SEPT. 13.

restaurant, 621 S. Pickwick.

At the end of the day, all of our events are focused on one thing: fighting hunger.

We hope you or your business join us in supporting Ozarks Food Harvest and the fight against hunger at many of our events this September. Make sure to look for more ideas to support hunger relief on our website at ozarksfoodharvest.org. Together, we can unite to change the landscape of hunger in southwest Missouri. ■

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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

SCOUTING FOR FOOD COLLECTS 20,190 POUNDS

Throughout March, Boy Scouts collected nonperishable foods by going door-to-door across Springfield during the 29th annual Scouting for Food campaign. They were able to collect 20,190 pounds, which will provide 16,825 meals to people in need. Thank you to everyone who participated.



BOY SCOUTS COLLECTED MORE THAN 20,000 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.

SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS COLLECT 695 POUNDS

The Springfield Cardinals hosted a food drive at Hammons Field on April 24. Fans who brought a non-perishable food item received a ticket to the game for just one dollar. The drive collected 695 pounds of food, which will provide 580 meals to people in need.

FIGHT HUNGER.SPARK CHANGE. GIVES MORE THAN 627K MEALS

Walmart helped fight hunger during this year's Fight Hunger. Spark Change. campaign. Between April 2 and April 30, Walmart secured more than 230 million meals across the nation. Ozarks Food Harvest will receive \$156,833 from the campaign. Thank you to all who participated by purchasing select products or donating funds.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN FIGHT HUNGER. SPARK CHANGE.

MACY'S BAG HUNGER PROVIDES 7,000 MEALS

During the month of May, local Macy's employees participated in the annual Bag Hunger campaign by contributing food, donations and volunteer time to help reduce hunger in the community. The food and funds raised from the campaign will provide 7,000 meals to hungry people in the Ozarks.

OFH GARDEN BENEFITS FROM GENEROUS SPONSORS

The OFH Garden Open House on April 26 was a success thanks to Hippocrates Farm, Neighbor's Mill, Hy-Vee, Culver's and Coca-Cola. The open house showcased the garden's new water catchment system, which was recently completed with the help of Bakers Creek Heirloom Seed, Cummings Pool & Excavating, Gold Mechanical, James River Basin Partnership, Light Up Springfield & Irrigation, Watts Radiant and Westlake Ace Hardware. The Food Bank is so thankful for its garden supporters.



VOLUNTEERS ENJOYED THE GARDEN OPEN HOUSE.

JOHN DEERE GIVES TO OFH

A big thanks to the John Deere Foundation for its gift of \$10,000 to the *Weekend Backpack Program*. This gift will sponsor 33 children for a full school year of weekend meals. The Food Bank is grateful for this generous contribution.

THE HERSCHEND FAMILY FOUNDATION GIVES 20,000 MEALS

The Herschend Family Foundation generously donated \$5,000, which will deliver 20,000 meals to hungry people in the Ozarks. The foundation has made numerous donations to support Ozarks Food Harvest over the past 10 years.

HUNGER HERO NEWS

VOLUNTEER & FOOD DRIVE PROGRAMS

SUMMER 2018



THE NEW WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEM PROVIDES A MUCH-NEEDED SOURCE OF WATER FOR THE SWEET POTATO PATCH THIS SUMMER.

OZARKS FOOD HARVEST'S GARDEN PROVIDES FRESH PRODUCE

Summer is here, and gardening season is in full swing. But throughout the entire year, the Ozarks Food Harvest *Full Circle Gardens* program collaborates with dozens of local partners to make an impact on the community's food system.

The program rescues produce, harvests donors' fields and provides education about fresh foods and gardening to community members and member agencies.

The Ozarks Food Harvest Garden in Rogersville produces fresh produce year-round, thanks to the efforts of garden coordinator Alexa Poindexter and garden assistant Rob Medlen, faithful volunteers and two high tunnels that help extend the growing season.

"Our volunteers are really the only way we are able to produce the amount of food that we harvest. We all take pride in our work, love tackling projects together and get a great sense of accomplishment knowing that we are taking care of the earth while feeding our neighbors whole foods," she said.

The garden's new water catchment system is also in use this season. This system stores and reuses rainwater, creating an efficient

irrigation system that helps grow food in the newest field patch. It can hold 1,250 gallons of water that is stored and recycled to irrigate the field.

"We had a lot of rainwater pooling in one of our high tunnels and an area without irrigation right next to it. Thanks to funders, businesses, community partners and volunteers, we turned our drainage problem into an irrigation solution. We are already seeing productivity increase in both areas," Alexa said.

Throughout the year, over 10,000 pounds of produce are harvested at the Ozarks Food Harvest Garden, with an additional 20,000 pounds of produce harvested from partnering farms and gardens. This produce is then distributed throughout the OFH network of agencies.

Summer is the perfect time to join the glean team to support the harvesting season or to donate extra produce from your own home garden. To join the Glean Team, visit our website or email Jolene Thompson at jthompson@ozarksfoodharvest.org. ■

WESLEY UMC PROVIDES MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

For the past five years, members of Wesley United Methodist Church have volunteered in the Ozarks Food Harvest warehouse on the first Tuesday evening of every month.

Terry White, the coordinator for the group, loves volunteering at The Food Bank because it's a simple way to give back and make an impact on the local community.

"My favorite thing about volunteering with Ozarks Food Harvest is that it's a fun and easy way to build comradery with other people," she said.

White was able to see her volunteer work in action during her visits to York and Campbell elementary schools.

"I happened to be at the schools one day, and in both places I got to see the kids line up to get their *Weekend Backpack Program* backpacks, which was really neat because the month before, we had packed backpacks," White said.

Typically, each Wesley UMC volunteer session is comprised of 18 to 20 people. The spots fill up quickly, and many volunteers come back time and time again.

Over the past five years, the group had dedicated over more than 2,500 hours to volunteering in the warehouse. The Food Bank is so thankful for the volunteers from Wesley UMC. ■



WESLEY UMC VOLUNTEERS HELPED PACK SENIOR FOOD BOXES DURING THEIR JUNE SESSION.

OFH CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

Each year, nonprofits across the country celebrate the vital work of volunteers during the month of April.

At Ozarks Food Harvest, more than 4,600 volunteers help sort food, pack *Senior Food* boxes and *Weekend Backpack* bags, assist with events, distribute food and care for our community gardens.

To celebrate volunteers this year, The Food Bank took one week during April to thank

volunteers for all they do. Regularly-scheduled volunteers were honored with a special breakfast, and all volunteers could enjoy tasty treats and coffee provided by Panera Bread.

The work of Ozarks Food Harvest would not be possible without our volunteers. We are so thankful for their time and commitment to our mission. To learn more about volunteering at The Food Bank, visit ozarksfoodharvest.org. ■



THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE CONTRIBUTED 500 TO 750 HOURS OF SERVICE TO THE FOOD BANK.

FOOD AND FUND DRIVES 50+ MEALS

NALC, Stamp Out Hunger — 212,500
 Boy Scouts of America, Scouting for Food — 16,825
 Macy's Bag Hunger — 5,339
 Chase Card Services — 2,568
 MSU - Greek Life — 1,954
 Holy Trinity Catholic — 1,738
 Missouri Farm Bureau Insurance, Home Run Against Hunger — 1,492
 Expedia — 1,435
 MSU - Communication Class — 1,400
 Springfield Greene County Park Board, Splash & Sizzle — 894
 Springfield Cardinals — 579
 John Deere Reman — 453
 Woods Supermarket (Buffalo) — 451
 The Venues — 430
 Drury University - Greek Socialization — 419
 Grant Ave. Freewill Baptist Church — 368
 Springfield Symphony Orchestra — 330
 Drury University - Brech School of Business — 329
 Curves — 319
 UMW Ladies Group — 253
 Heers Luxury Living — 230
 Smithfield Foods — 208
 Hilton Garden Inn — 206
 Asbury UMC — 186
 Fortune Builders Give — 178
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GROUPS 20+ HOURS

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 Willow Springs High School

March 13 - June 12, 2018

March 1 - May 31, 2018

INDIVIDUALS 25+ HOURS

Ruby Allen	George Lawrence
Sharon Bertalott	Joshua Love
Andrew Biggers	Ann Marsh
Kirsten Binder	Rudy Martinez
James Blackwell	John McClelland
Charley Bowden	Dave McGee
Trudy Bowen	Nika Mgebrishvili
Hayden Calvin	Melvie Mosier
Karla Carroll	Jacob Mowery
Tom Carson	Anna Marie Mullies
Robin Carver	Karlene Negus
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Barbara Hutson	Robert Wullner
Bob Hutson	
Julia Jenkins	
Kyle Jenkins	
Kyndal Jenkins	
Freeman Kaylor	
Donald Landon	
Linda Lange	

March 1 - May 31, 2018

STAMP OUT HUNGER COLLECTS 250,000 POUNDS

This year, nonperishable food items were collected in support of food banks nationwide during this year's Stamp Out Hunger challenge. Hosted by the National Association of Letter Carriers each year, Stamp Out Hunger is the largest single-day food drive in the country.

Local residents left bags of nonperishable

food near their mailboxes to help hungry people across southwest Missouri.

In the Ozarks, 250,000 pounds of food were collected by letter carriers during the 26th annual event on Saturday, May 12. All donations benefit OFH member agencies including The Salvation Army, Crosslines, Victory Mission and the Grand Oaks Baptist food pantry.

"A quarter-of-a-million pounds will provide over 200,000 meals this summer when demand for food assistance increases," said Ozarks Food Harvest president and CEO Bart Brown.

The Food Bank is thankful for all of the donors, letter carriers and volunteers that helped make this day possible. ■



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