



HARVEST TIME

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



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- Samantha, Joplin Boys & Girls Club attendee

JOPLIN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PROVIDES SUMMER MEALS

Twelve-year-old Samantha knows what it’s like to be hungry.

Since she was a young girl, Samantha has lived in 18 different foster homes. The family at her current home is kind and loving, but she experienced neglect and abuse at foster homes in the past.

“They neglected me because of their jobs and their other children,” she shared. “They would give their other children food but I wouldn’t get breakfast, lunch or dinner. I only had snacks at the daycare. So I would steal snacks at home in the night.”

Samantha’s foster parents scolded her for sneaking around the house when everyone else was sleeping.

“They put baby locks on the fridge and the cabinets, and I was worried I would starve,” she expressed.

When her daycare was forced to cut snacks out of its budget, she became even more worried about how she would eat.

Thankfully, in her current foster home, Samantha receives everything that she needs, and she gets along well with the two other teens that live there. After school and during the summer, she loves spending time with her friends at the Boys & Girls Club in Joplin.

“Being able to eat food here helps keep costs down at home during the summer,” Samantha said.

When school’s not in session, the club provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks for children ages six to 18. During the school year, only dinner is served, as children are offered breakfast and lunch at school.

A large percentage of elementary school children spend time at the Boys & Girls Club, but many teens come by for activities and meals, too. Rhonda Gorham, executive director of the club, believes that pre-teen and teen hunger is often overlooked because teens are ashamed of their situations.

“They’re embarrassed about it and they don’t want to draw attention to themselves,” she said. “And I think people are very unaware of teen homelessness and teens who are couch surfing.”

In the Joplin area, more than 200 teens are classified as homeless. Without a place to call home, these teens may go without food. But thanks to places like Boys & Girls Club, they have a safe place to hang out with their friends and have a meal.

“Teens like to eat, so a lot of them are here for the two meals and snack they can get,” Rhonda expressed.

The Boys & Girls in Joplin—The Food Bank’s largest after-school and summer program partner—has worked with Ozarks Food Harvest since 1997. The Food Bank sponsors the club through a federally-funded

program that allows it to receive a monetary reimbursement based on the number of meals served. During the summer, the Joplin Boys and Girls Club typically serves about 12,000 meals.

Ozarks Food Harvest also provides the site with Summer Sacks, which are given to kids who express that they don’t have enough food at home.

“Many families tell our cook they need some extra help, and we’re able to send home these bags,” said Rhonda. “It helps a lot of them with weekend food during the school year and summer.”

This summer, Samantha plans to keep spending time at The Boys and Girls Club, and she knows she’ll continue coming each day after school begins in the fall.

“The Boys & Girls Club is a great and safe place. They are caring, and they understand,” she shared.

Thank you for supporting Ozarks Food Harvest and its agencies. Your support helps give teens like Samantha hope for a hunger-free future.

FIGHT HUNGER FASTER PROVIDES 80,000 MEALS

Hundreds of families walk through the doors of Ozarks Food Harvest's partner organizations each week. They all need a little extra help putting a meal on the table—but all for different reasons: Maybe this week's grocery money had to be spent on a hospital bill. Or perhaps a grandmother simply can't afford to feed her granddaughter on her fixed income.

To help ease the burdens of these families and provide even more meals to those in need, Ozarks Food Harvest created a campaign to

Fight Hunger Faster. Thanks to a generous \$10,000 matching gift from our friends at DairiConcepts and the compassion of many donors, we were able to raise funds to provide 80,000 meals in just four short months.

A one dollar donation typically helps provide four meals to food insecure children, families and seniors, but through Fight Hunger Faster, each dollar helped provide eight meals.

"Thanks to our kind donors and DairiConcepts'

generosity, so many families know where their next meal is coming from," said Denise Gibson, development and communication director at Ozarks Food Harvest. "It's amazing what can happen when people come together to help their neighbors in need."

DairiConcepts is a provider of premium, dairy-inspired ingredients for the food industry. Since 2015, the company's gifts of volunteer time and funds have helped The Food Bank distribute more than 230,000 meals.

"DairiConcepts is committed to serving our community, and hunger strikes a special chord with us as a dairy ingredients manufacturer. Our desire is that everyone has access to the food and nutrition they need," said Joshua Haines, innovation marketing manager and philanthropy team leader at DairiConcepts.

Our network of hunger relief partners and meal programs works tirelessly to serve families going through difficult times. The funds raised during Fight Hunger Faster will allow us to provide them with even more food.

Thank you so much to every individual who made this campaign possible, and special thanks to DairiConcepts for its continued support. Because of your kindness, children, families and seniors in the Ozarks will have something to eat.



Ozarks Food Harvest staff members were thrilled to accept this matching gift from DairiConcepts for Fight Hunger Faster.

MILLION MEALS SUPPORTS HUNGER RELIEF

Donations to The Food Bank tend to dip in the summer months. With school out of session, family vacations and other summer activities, donating isn't always top of mind. But for food insecure families, summer can be the hungriest time of the year. That's where Arvest Bank's Million Meals campaign comes in.

Arvest Bank wrapped up its ninth year of raising food and funds for hunger relief in early June. This year's campaign collected \$6,728.29 and 1,379 pounds of food for The Food Bank.

Food and monetary donations were accepted at branches in Springfield and Nixa. To engage the community and boost donations, Arvest partnered with several area businesses. 4 by 4 Brewing Company in Springfield brought the fun and games with two bingo nights, which required participants to donate a nonperishable food item to play. Hilltop Pizza in Fair Grove donated 15 percent of sales and 100 percent of tips on the evening of April 25. Arvest Bank branches also participated by offering special meals and snacks in exchange for donations throughout the campaign.

The food and funds raised from these events

will help families get the nutrition they need to make the most of their summers.

"Regional drives like this make such a huge impact—and it's incredible to see the influence they have in southwest Missouri. I loved seeing everyone rally together to contribute toward Arvest Bank's big goal of raising more than one million meals," said Jennifer Sickinger, community engagement manager at Ozarks Food Harvest. "The donations have already

started bringing hope to local families this summer."

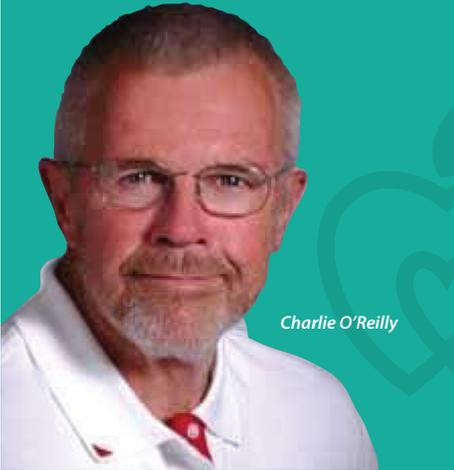
Arvest Bank's branches in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma raised more than 2 million meals this year. Ozarks Food Harvest is extremely thankful to everyone who donated and attended events.

To learn more about the campaign and Arvest Bank's hunger initiatives, visit arvest.com/millionmeals.



Arvest Bank's annual Million Meals campaign collected both food and funds for hungry families in the Ozarks.

Charlie's CORNER



Charlie O'Reilly



Generous donors make the Summer Food program possible for children like Aubrey.

THE REALITY OF SUMMER HUNGER

Hello from the O'Reilly Center for Hunger Relief!

Summertime is upon us. Children are enjoying long days spent playing baseball with their friends or swimming in the neighborhood pool. During this sunny, fun-filled season, parents try to keep their pantries and refrigerators stocked with extra meals and snacks for hungry kids.

However, for many families in the Ozarks, buying more food isn't an option. As summer begins, many parents, grandparents and guardians begin worrying about how they're going to feed their children. Food insecure kids aren't daydreaming about an upcoming vacation or lazy days by the pool: They're thinking about how they're going to eat breakfast tomorrow.

Nearly 80 percent of children in southwest Missouri are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals. These kids jumpstart their school days with nutritious breakfasts and are served lunches that help them stay focused and attentive throughout their afternoon classes. So what happens when these meals suddenly disappear?

Fortunately, children can access free meals at Ozarks Food Harvest's Summer Food partner locations. Ozarks Food Harvest distributes food at 18 sites in 10 different counties. Each summer, these sites provide more than 35,000 meals and snacks. The program focuses on bringing food to places that kids spend time during the summer: community centers, YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs and more.

The availability of summer meals is absolutely critical for struggling families. Parents, grandparents and guardians no longer have to worry about how they will feed their children. And, when kids are confident about where their

next meal will come from, they're able to fully relish in the joys of summertime.

Aubrey, a 10-year-old who spends time at a community center during the summer, shared, "Thank you for donating the animal crackers and granola bars for our snack. We eat them every day. I also like the water bottles. Thank you for helping!"

Today, I'm asking for your help to provide summer meals and snacks for children like Aubrey. A donation of just one dollar will help provide four meals this summer.

Your compassion means the world to hungry neighbors. Make your gift online at ozarksfoodharvest.org/donate, or give Bart a call to learn more about how you can help.

Thank you so much for your continued support of hunger relief in the Ozarks—during the summer and throughout the rest of the year.



The Summer Food program helps children get the nutrition they need when school isn't in session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LUCAS OIL SPEEDWAY FOOD DRIVE

JULY 27

Start your engine at Lucas Oil Speedway's annual food drive, presented by KTTS. The evening will feature exhilarating dirt track racing for the whole family to enjoy. Since 2012, the event has helped provide more than 49,300 meals. Bring four nonperishable food items to donate for free admission. Gates open at 4 p.m., Hot Laps start at 6:30 p.m. and racing begins at 7:05 p.m.

SPLASH & SIZZLE

NOW-SEPTEMBER 2

Have some fun in the sun while supporting Ozarks Food Harvest at Springfield pools. Admission is \$1 or free with one canned food item per person at all outdoor pools daily, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Visit the Springfield-Greene County Park board website for more info and a complete pool schedule.

HUNGERTHON

SEPTEMBER 6-9

Support the Weekend Backpack Program with Kevin & Liz on 105.9 KGBX during the 21st annual Hungertthon. Become a matching sponsor, or call in during the four-day radio-thon to sponsor a child. A \$300 donation will sponsor a child for a school year! Contact Jennifer Sickinger at jsickinger@ozarksfoodharvest.org for more information or to become a sponsor.

TEA BAR & BITES APRON FASHION SHOW

SEPTEMBER 19

Attend an evening of fashion, fun and food at the 6th annual Tea Bar & Bites Apron Fashion Show. Bid on handmade aprons and a variety of silent auction items from area businesses. Tickets can be purchased online before the main event. Contact Sara Roelke at sroelke@ozarksfoodharvest.org to donate a silent auction item or apron.

EMPTY BOWLS

SEPTEMBER 27

Stop by Panera Bread on Campbell Ave. from 4-8 p.m. to choose from a unique selection of handcrafted bowls in exchange for a donation. Artists interested in donating a bowl can contact Sarah Byrd at sbyrd@ozarksfoodharvest.org

Keep an eye on our social media pages and website for more information about Hunger Action Month this September!

THE PURPOSE OF FEEDING AMERICA AUDITS FOR OZARKS FOOD HARVEST

As members of Feeding America, every food bank in the country is required to undergo a comprehensive audit every two to four years. It was Ozarks Food Harvest's turn this spring. The process is designed to ensure we are checking all the boxes in our contract with Feeding America, and it help us learn about how we can improve. It also gives us a chance to share our company culture and passion.

In April, our auditor spent several days inspecting our building, talking with department directors and taking a comprehensive look at how we work in southwest Missouri. She examined everything from communication tactics to agency etiquette to building standards. Each department prepared by pulling reports, gathering paperwork, discussing best practices and organizing materials.



The Food Bank's Feeding America audit took place in April.

The Food Bank serves more than 261,000 unduplicated people each year. A key part of each audit is making sure that the food we feed children, seniors and families facing hunger is not just filling and healthy, but also safe to consume.

We depend on a combination of food industry requirements and specific guidelines from Feeding America, and our auditor confirmed that we are currently meeting and exceeding all of these requirements. She also checked our food safety monitoring process, which we use to make sure each of our partners are following proper food safety techniques.

We hold our partners to high standards, and ensuring that the food we distribute is safe to eat has always been and will continue to be a foundational component of our work. It's a key part of our responsibility to support the wellbeing of the people we serve.

Along with analyzing our food safety procedures, the auditor toured and explored our warehouse. She was impressed with the cleanliness of the entire 100,000 square-foot space, and noted that she could tell sanitation is one of our top priorities. We're extremely grateful for how this space has grown over the years, and making sure it stays spotless is definitely important to us.

Overall, the auditor was extremely happy with



Bart Brown,
President/CEO

BART'S *Hope Notes*

Ozarks Food Harvest. She mentioned that within 20 minutes of her arrival, she felt a true sense of joy and energy from our employees and immediately noticed how committed we all are to fighting hunger. We've cultivated a culture of excellence here at Ozarks Food Harvest, and it is truly a wonderful place to work.

She also noticed that we all function as a family. Each day, we do our best to make every employee and volunteer feel like they're part of our family as soon as they walk in our doors.

A successful audit is definitely something to be celebrated. We're incredibly grateful to work with Feeding America and for audits that give us the opportunity to learn how we can provide even more meals in the Ozarks.



Denise Gibson,
Development Director

From DENISE'S DESK

GRANDPARENTS SERVING AS GUARDIANS FACE HARDSHIPS

Hundreds of family relatives—particularly grandparents—become parents the second time around when their children experience difficulties and grandchildren need care. These "grandfamilies" must adapt to an entirely new lifestyle—which includes figuring out how to provide food for a child.

More than 3,600 seniors in Ozarks Food Harvest's 28-county service area live at or below 130 percent of the poverty level, and older adults experience substantially higher rates of food insecurity with a grandchild in the household. Some grandfamilies experience food insecurity in part because without legal custody of the grandkids, they don't qualify for government food assistance through programs like SNAP and WIC.

In addition to monetary support for food assistance, grandparents may require additional aid due to limited mobility, lack of transportation and an assortment of other issues associated with growing older. Tasks such as safely preparing meals at home and making trips to

the grocery store can be extremely challenging.

At Ozarks Food Harvest, we recognize the challenges grandfamilies face and do everything that we can to support them. Our pantries and senior center partners gladly serve meals to grandparents and their grandchildren each week. And through our Senior Food program, seniors can receive monthly food boxes to share with their families.

Doreen's grandfamily receives food assistance through one of our programs. She shared, "I am a widow and disabled. My three grandchildren live with me. If it wasn't for this program, I don't know how we would survive. I would not be able to provide for them."

I've seen firsthand the joy that it brings these families to receive food. You can make a substantial impact in the lives of families like Doreen's by making a donation to The Food Bank. Thank you for your compassion for people of all ages facing hard times in the Ozarks!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE FRIENDS OF THE FOOD BANK

30TH ANNUAL SCOUTING FOR FOOD PROVIDES 17,000 MEALS

Each March, local Boy Scouts go door-to-door to collect nonperishable food for Ozarks Food Harvest during Scouting for Food. This year, Scouts collected 15,475 pounds and \$1,207. These donations will help provide more than 17,700 meals in the Ozarks. Thank you to the Scouts who collected the food and to those who donated!



Local Boy Scouts collected donations during Scouting for Food.

S.L. GIMBEL FOUNDATION FUND CONTRIBUTES TO WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM.

The S.L. Gimbel Fund of The Community Foundation, Strengthening Inland Southern California through Philanthropy, donated \$15,000 that will be used to purchase food items for more than 3,000 Weekend Backpack Program food bags. Nutritious foods such as milk, oatmeal, fruit and mixed veggies are just a few of the items placed in each bag. Many thanks to the foundation for this wonderful gift!

FIRST WATCH DONATES \$5,460 FROM SOFT OPENING OF NEWEST RESTAURANT

Breakfast and brunch café First Watch recently opened its second location in Springfield. The restaurant generously donated \$5,460 to Ozarks Food Harvest from its soft opening this spring. The gift will help provide nearly 22,000 meals for hungry families in The Food Bank's 28-county service area. Thank you so much to First Watch for the kind gift.



First Watch's newest location is located on E. Sunshine St.

BOXLUNCH DONATES MORE THAN \$2,500

Sincere thanks to BoxLunch for its \$2,644 donation to Ozarks Food Harvest, secured by Feeding America. This specialty retailer located in Battlefield Mall in Springfield provided one meal for every \$10 spent on pop-culture themed products sold. The store focuses on impacting lives and creating sustainable good each and every day of the year.

STAMP OUT HUNGER COLLECTS 212,000 POUNDS

People in the Ozarks placed bags of nonperishable food items near their mailboxes on May 11. Letter carriers collected the food, which was then sorted and delivered to Ozarks Food Harvest member pantries. More than 212,000 pounds were collected to help provide 176,600 meals. The Food Bank is grateful for this wonderful support!



Local letter carriers collected donations during this year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

JOHN DEERE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS AREA CHILDREN.

Heartfelt thanks to the John Deere Foundation for its \$14,000 donation for the Weekend Backpack Program, which will provide a total of 1,780 bags filled with 10,686 meals for students who might not get enough food on the weekends. Over the past four years, the foundation has donated \$35,000 to The Food Bank.



A generous gift from John Deere will help support children with weekend meals.

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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.

HUNGER HERO NEWS

VOLUNTEER & FOOD DRIVE PROGRAMS

JULY 2019



Charley and Trudy Bowen have been volunteering at The Food Bank since 2015.

COUPLE REACHES 1,000 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME

When Charley and Trudy Bowen moved to Springfield from Dixon to live closer to their three daughters, they knew they wanted to start volunteering somewhere right away. Since the couple had donated to Ozarks Food Harvest in the past, they decided to try volunteering.

After their first volunteer session in 2015, they knew they had found a new place to call home. Over the past five years, the Bowens have each provided 1,000 hours of volunteer time.

The couple has been married for nearly 43 years, and they enjoy volunteering together several times a week.

"We've always done everything together. Working here is just an extension of that," Charley expressed.

Prior to retirement, the Bowens worked in Dixon's public school system. Day after day, they saw children who were battling hunger. As

volunteers at Ozarks Food Harvest, they know the food they pack will help children like those they worked with in Dixon.

"It makes us feel like we're accomplishing something for the community, and it's something that's really needed," Trudy said.

Over the years, the Bowens have developed many friendships with fellow volunteers. Their Wednesday morning group even gets together for lunch or dinner once a month.

"A lot of what keeps us coming back are the people. We've met some great ones and have made really good friends," Trudy said.

The Bowens are a wonderful part of Ozarks Food Harvest's volunteer family, and we are so thankful for their dedication to fighting hunger!

Want to volunteer with us and help hungry people in the Ozarks? Apply and create your schedule at ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer.

PARTNERSHIPS HELP OZARKS FOOD HARVEST'S GARDEN FLOURISH

Sunshine, rain and good soil are essential for veggie growth at the Ozarks Food Harvest Garden. But gifts of time, funds and seeds make the Full Circle Gardens Program even more impactful as it provides fresh produce for families facing hunger.

Alexa Poindexter, Full Circle Gardens coordinator, spends most of the growing season tending to the gardens and harvesting produce with the Glean Team. Before coming to Ozarks Food Harvest, she worked and learned about gardening on family farms in Canada, New Zealand, Virginia and Vermont. When she's not managing volunteers or distributing produce, Alexa works with a variety of partners that support the program.

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Johnny's Selected Seeds and Steinert's Greenhouse generously supply the garden with seeds and plants throughout the year. And during peak growing season, Millsap Farm, Victory Garden, and Burton Family Farm allow volunteers to harvest their excess produce for our partners.

Growing veggies takes time, labor and patience. Providing fresh, nutritious food for families in need would be impossible without our incredible garden family. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers, in-kind donors and monetary donors who make distributing more than 58,000 pounds of fresh produce possible.



We're thankful for all of the partners who support our garden.

6 Transform Hunger into Hope by volunteering to help your neighbors in need. Sign up at ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer.

THANK YOU!

GROUPS 20+ HOURS

March 1 – May 31, 2019

American National
Arlington/Roe
Bass Pro Human Resources
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Campbell UMC Circle #7
Central Bank Of The Ozarks
Cox Hematology
DairiConcepts
Datema House
Dolby Laboratories
Doniphan H.S. Key Club
Faith for Life - Campbell UMC
Ferrell Duncan Clinic Supervisors
Forsyth R-III FCCLA
Good Samaritan - Step Ahead Program
Humana
Just Kindness
King's Way United Methodist Church
Lambda Chi Alpha
Logan-Rogersville H.S. CLICK Academy
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Missouri Trial Lawyers Care
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MSU Darr School of Agriculture
On The Lam Sams
O'Reilly Hospitality Management
OTC Honors Program
"Peritoneal Dialysis Packers" at Cox Health
Reinhart Foodservice
Serve With Liberty Program
UMKC School of Pharmacy at MSU
Vandewege Family
Wesley UMC

INDIVIDUALS 20+ HOURS

March 1 – May 31, 2019

Kevin Akenhead
Ruby Allen
Kelli Anderson
Nicole Anzalone
Marlena Bach
Thomas Baldwin
James Blackwell
Margaret Blackwell
Charley Bowen
Trudy Bowen
William Brandau
Michael Byington
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Michael Campbell
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Tom Carson
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Susan Shockley
Erin Snyder
Harley Snyder
Logan Steinhour
Ruthann Storms
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Lona Wait
Simon Wanyonyi
Chris Ward
Georgeann Warren
Frances Watson
Shelby Wilson
Dwayne Woods
Larry Woolf
Robert Wullner

FOOD DRIVES 10+ MEALS

March 21 – June 6, 2019

Boy Scouts of America - Ozark Trails,
Scouting for Food — 13,288
Macy's, Bag Hunger Campaign — 9,024
MSU - Greek Week Committee — 4,452
Lent Fish Drive — 3,504
Drury - Lambda Chi Alpha — 1,440
John Deere Reman — 991
Polk County Farm Bureau,
Homerun Against Hunger — 901
Springfield-Greene County Park Board,
Splash & Sizzle — 817
MSU - Meyer Library* — 698
Grant Avenue Freewill Baptist Church* — 517
Unity Spiritual Center — 450
Association of Government Accountants -
Ozarks Chapter — 323
Wyndham Vacation Ownership — 321
Springfield Cardinals — 298
Fortune Builders Give — 254
Walmart Store - Independence St. — 240
Mother's Brewing Company* — 234
Springfield Symphony Orchestra — 222
Curves — 170
Seeley and Bill Powers — 168
Menards - University Street — 153
Mercy Advanced Ambulatory Care — 97
Air Services All Service* — 96
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MSU Lambda Chi Alpha — 83
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***Thank you so much to our ongoing food and fund drive hosts.**

ONGOING FOOD AND FUND DRIVES MAKE AN IMPACT

Several area businesses continuously collect food and funds for hunger relief throughout the year. Whether they collect food in barrels or funds at the checkout counter, these partners make a big impact in the fight against hunger.

Air Services All Service has been partnering with The Food Bank since 2009. Technicians from

the AC, Heat and Plumbing company collect food donations as they visit customers' homes, and the company houses a food drive barrel in its office. Since starting the drive, Air Services All Service has donated more than 5,600 pounds to help provide 4,700 meals.

Air Services All Service is an industry leader

known for its exceptional services, integrity, understanding of client needs and care for the community. Ozarks Food Harvest is extremely grateful for this wonderful partnership.

Are you interested in hosting an ongoing food and fund drive? Contact Sarah Byrd at sbyrd@ozarksfoodharvest.org.

HOST A SUMMER HARVEST FOOD AND FUND DRIVE

When the final school bell rang in May, children said goodbye to homework and hello to fun in the sun. Unfortunately, summer isn't as enjoyable for kids who don't have enough to eat.

As soon as school let out, thousands of children began worrying about how they would eat without the security of school-provided

breakfasts and lunches. With the increased cost of utilities and additional bills from summer childcare providers, parents often struggle to put a meal on the table. We need your help to make sure they know where their next meal is coming from.

Consider hosting a Summer Harvest food

and fund drive with your business, organization or family. Signing up is simple, and we can provide you with posters, barrels, boxes and more to help make your drive a success. For more information, contact Sarah Byrd at sbyrd@ozarksfoodharvest.org



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