



# HARVEST TIME

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



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- Cindy, receives food at Central Community UMC

## FINDING STABILITY IN SHELL KNOB

It's been a year since COVID-19 turned our world upside down. The pandemic has proven to be an enduring crisis that we will continue to recover from for years to come, but within the hardship and loss, we have found hope for the days ahead.

People in the Ozarks came together with empathy and generosity to shine a bright light through the darkest of days. Our donors stepped up with gifts that allowed us provide more meals in our 28-county service area, the Missouri National Guard mobilized to help us get food out, and our hunger-relief partners quickly adapted their distribution models to continue feeding their communities.

Central Community UMC, a food pantry located in Shell Knob, quickly adjusted from a walk-in pantry to a drive-through distribution when the pandemic hit to continue providing meals. It's the only church in the area that provides food assistance, so it was crucial that they stayed open, especially as the need for food assistance skyrocketed. The pantry is run completely by volunteers who are passionate about serving others.

"We went through some major changes to make sure everyone was taken care of and so we could keep up with the demand,"

said Oleta, the pantry's primary organizer. "Ozarks Food Harvest guided us through that process every step of the way to ensure we could continue distribution in our community effectively and efficiently."

Shell Knob, home to about 1,000 people, was significantly affected when the pandemic hit. Many of the people who live there work in the food, resort or tourism industries, and when most of those businesses shut down last year and people stopped traveling to the area for vacation, the residents suffered.

"Quite a lot of people were laid off and in desperate circumstances. Income fell or became nonexistent for so many, and even now, they're still having a hard time," Oleta said.

Thankfully, the pantry remained open and distributed groceries to anyone who needed help, and they're continuing to do so today. Ozarks Food Harvest has been supplying the pantry with additional produce, meat, dairy, bread and more to meet the increased need.

Cindy and her husband, both longtime residents of Shell Knob who suffer from pre-existing health conditions, were able to find the help they needed during the pandemic. They continue to visit the pantry when they need

a little extra help making ends meet. Cindy is extremely thankful for Central Community UMC's ongoing care.

"There will always be ups and downs in life, but I'm thankful that I know the pantry is there when we need support," she said.

Vaccine rollout is in full swing and our communities are taking steps toward recovery from the financial effects of the pandemic, but food insecurity will not vanish once the economy rebounds. After the Great Recession, it took nearly 10 years for food insecurity to return to pre-recession levels. We expect there will be lasting effects from the crisis for years to come.

Thankfully, people can find the support and care they need through Ozarks Food Harvest's network of hunger-relief partners. Thank you for your continued compassion for neighbors across southwest Missouri.



Rural areas were disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## THE ROAD TO RECOVERY IN RURAL AREAS

Many people served by Ozarks Food Harvest's network of food pantries and programs live and work in rural counties across southwest Missouri. In fact, 20 of the 28 counties in The Food Bank's service area are considered rural. While some of the larger cities across the Ozarks have started to recover from the financial effects of COVID-19, many people in rural areas are still struggling.

Even before COVID-19, food insecurity rates were higher in rural areas, and low-income families faced barriers to food access as well as a lack of job opportunities. Some of the largest employers in the Ozarks are manufacturers and processing plants, which typically offer low wages and close working conditions. Many of these businesses were heavily affected by the

pandemic, and many workers are still struggling to find employment a year later.

Our rural communities will be rebuilding and recovering for a long time, but by accessing local food pantries, families can get the nutritious food they need.

Thanks to a grant opportunity from Feeding America and other donors, we were recently able to provide eight of our rural partners with \$205,000 worth of walk-in freezers and coolers. This will allow them to store and distribute more healthy food than ever before. The investment is already helping these pantries provide so many more nutritious meals now, and it also allows our network to be more agile, resilient and prepared in the future. Capacity building is an important strategic initiative, as

stronger partners lead to a stronger food bank.

If you're able to make a gift to support our friends in rural communities, please visit [ozarksfoodharvest.org/donate](https://ozarksfoodharvest.org/donate). We appreciate your compassion for those in and around your community!



The Hope Center received a walk-in freezer, thanks to a grant.

## INSIDE OPERATIONS

If you've ever taken a tour of Ozarks Food Harvest, you know our warehouse is a busy place! The 100,000 square-foot space is full of moving forklifts, hardworking volunteers and an ever-changing inventory of food. Providing 270 hunger-relief partners with nourishing, safe food requires an organized, robust infrastructure and a high degree of coordination.

Our operations team carefully ensures that food is accepted, sorted, stored and distributed in a timely fashion. Last year as the COVID-19 crisis swept through our 28-county service area, we stepped up our efforts to get more food out even faster. Unfortunately, the amount of donated food we were receiving dropped drastically as grocery store shelves were emptied, and we were required to purchase more food. Our team quickly adapted to these changes to continue providing food quickly and efficiently.

So, how does our warehouse work? First, Ozarks Food Harvest secures donations from food manufacturers, grocery wholesalers, retailers, farmers, government agencies and other organizations. After the food is picked up by one of our transportation staff members or delivered to us, it's sorted and properly stored in our distribution center. Food that requires sorting is carefully inspected by staff and volunteers to ensure it's safe to eat.

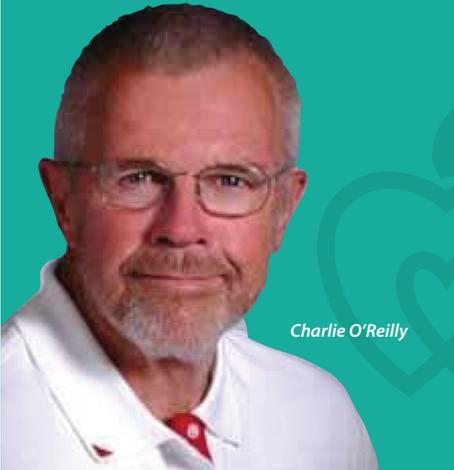
Once food is sorted and stored, it doesn't stay on our shelves for long. In fact, our typical turnaround time for refrigerated and frozen foods is less than 48 hours! Each hunger-relief partner places their food order online, and an operations staff member gathers the food items and prepares them for delivery or pickup. On average, our fleet of 18 trucks delivers 400,000 pounds of food to our partners each week.

It takes commitment and dedication from every person involved in this process to distribute the meals our neighbors are counting on. We're so thankful for our food donors, volunteers and operations team that make it possible to provide 30,000 meals in southwest Missouri every week. If you would like to learn more about our operations process, please give us a call at 417-865-3411.



Our operations team quickly adapted to get food out faster during the pandemic.

# Charlie's CORNER



Charlie O'Reilly



Ozarks Food Harvest purchased food to meet the increased need during the pandemic.

## CHANGING STRATEGY TO FILL PANTRY SHELVES

It's hard to believe we've been living in pandemic-mode for an entire year. As COVID-19 took hold last spring, none of us knew what to expect. I'm extremely thankful that as soon as the impacts of this virus began to present themselves, Ozarks Food Harvest instantly jumped into action to provide more meals.

The Food Bank quickly began distributing more food and worked closely with hunger-relief partners to address their immediate needs. Food pantries needed more food on their shelves, and The Food Bank sent out additional produce, dairy and meat. As a first responder, Ozarks Food Harvest worked diligently to provide more meals to communities across southwest Missouri than ever before.

The Food Bank is always prepared to distribute food when disaster strikes, but the pandemic required a change in strategy. Thousands of people lost their jobs or experienced reduced hours and children were missing the routine meals provided by their schools. More families than ever started visiting food pantries for the very first time. Something had to change to meet the increased need—and it had to happen fast.

At the very same time, because of interruptions in the supply chain, Ozarks Food Harvest experienced a decrease in donated food over the past year. Prices of food skyrocketed, and many items were difficult to find. The Food Bank was forced to purchase food in bulk in order to respond to the increased need.

Food banks were created to rescue perfectly edible food from retailers and manufacturers before it ended up in a landfill – not to purchase

food for distribution. However, at the height of the pandemic, the main focus was providing food in the face of an ever-changing crisis, so Ozarks Food Harvest changed courses to ensure thousands of families could put meals on the table. Ozarks Food Harvest has purchased \$3.6 million in food since last April to keep food pantries and hunger-relief partners stocked and prepared.

I am deeply grateful to the donors that allowed Ozarks Food Harvest to be proactive in meeting the challenges created by the pandemic. I believe we have the potential to emerge from this ongoing crisis stronger and even better positioned to meet the evolving needs of our community. It's the trust and generosity of donors like you that have enabled The Food Bank to aggressively scale its work to continue fighting hunger.

The impacts of COVID-19 will continue to affect our neighbors and surrounding communities long after the stories of families seeking help are no longer top of mind. The work is far from done, and thousands of people will still have trouble accessing proper nourishment for months to come. We expect an increase in need, and at the same time, expenses continue to rise due to COVID-related restrictions and logistical challenges.

Your generosity has made an incredible difference, and we hope that you will continue to partner with us to bring nutritious food to so many who struggle to access it. Thank you for trusting us with the important work of hunger relief and standing by our side!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ARVEST MILLION MEALS

April 5–May 29

Help provide meals through Arvest Bank. This year, the regional bank is collecting funds with a focus on online giving through its mobile app. Donations are also being accepted at [arvest.com](http://arvest.com) and through the drive-up banking portals. We're so thankful for Arvest Bank and its customers who have helped provide more than 310,500 meals since 2011.



Donate at Arvest through May 29 to support The Food Bank.

### FIGHT HUNGER. SPARK CHANGE.

April 5–May 3

Walmart and Sam's Club stores are supporting Feeding America food banks across the nation through the annual Fight Hunger. Spark Change. campaign. One hundred percent of the funds donated at area Walmart locations will help feed children, families and seniors in southwest Missouri. Monetary donations can be made online with any Walmart or Sam's Club order. Shoppers can also contribute by purchasing a specially-marked participating item, and the equivalent to one meal will be donated by Walmart or Sam's Club to The Food Bank.



Fight Hunger. Spark Change. helps provide many meals each year.

# COVID-19: ONE YEAR LATER

What a year it has been! COVID-19 presented a complex economic crisis unlike anything we've seen since the Great Depression, and I am so thankful that we're finally able to see hope on the horizon.

As I reflect on the past year and look toward the future, I want to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support. This journey has been long and winding, but thanks to generous donors like you, so many have been able to put a meal on the table during the hard and dark days. We truly couldn't do any of this without you.

Your kindness has changed the lives of so many, and you allowed us to respond to the crisis quickly and efficiently. We started operating in emergency disaster-response mode last spring, and now, it's become our new normal. Over the past year, we have hired additional staff members, added a truck to our fleet to increase our weekly routes and provided so many meals to families facing hunger.

Since April 2020, Ozarks Food Harvest has provided a record-breaking 22 million meals, increased distribution by nearly 2 million meals, connected nearly 1,000 people with the benefits they qualify for, distributed one million meals through new partnerships and mobile distributions and helped 64,000 people acquire food assistance for the first time in their lives.

We also distributed \$3.6 million worth of food to our network of hunger-relief partners to ensure they could continue to meet

the increased need. I'm incredibly thankful for all of our agencies that quickly adapted to the crisis by switching to drive-through distributions or providing to-go meals to continue serving the community.

We've made important steps toward recovery, but there's still a lot of work to be done. We're seeing an elevated need now, and for some, recovery will take years. Unemployment rates have increased in our communities, and 1 in 7 of our neighbors are facing hunger this year. This includes nearly 194,000 individuals, a 22 percent increase due to the impacts of the pandemic. We do not plan on slowing down anytime soon. We need to continue operating at this higher capacity to move the needle and close the meal gap.

This year, we will continue to provide meals at an elevated rate. Our staff and volunteers will host *Mobile Food Pantry* distributions in communities that continue to face COVID-19 hardships. We're working closely with our pantry partners to meet their needs and make sure they have the tools they need to support their communities.

But we can't do any of this alone. Today, I'm asking for your support as we face the coming months. Ozarks Food Harvest is the largest COVID-19-related donor to charities in southwest Missouri, and every dollar donated helps provide \$10 worth of groceries.

If you would like to learn more about our



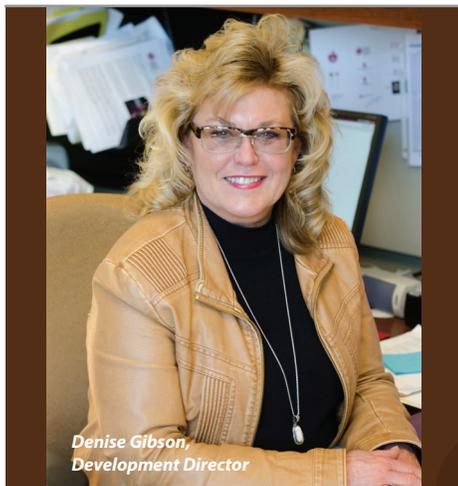
Bart Brown,  
President/CEO

## BART'S *Hope Note*

response to the pandemic, feel free to reach out. And if you're ready to make a gift, please visit [ozarksfoodharvest.org/donate](https://ozarksfoodharvest.org/donate). I can't thank you enough for your continued support that helps provide hope for so many.



We're continuing to provide meals at an elevated rate.



Denise Gibson,  
Development Director

## From DENISE'S DESK

# THE POWER OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Each year, Ozarks Food Harvest works closely with a variety of partners throughout the community to raise awareness and funds for hunger relief. The generosity of these local foundations, corporations, businesses, volunteers and individuals is critical to building and maintaining food security in southwest Missouri.

When it comes to making a difference, no effort is too small, and every action makes an impact. Every time someone decides to donate funds, host a fundraiser, volunteer with us or simply spread the word about the 1 in 5 children and 1 in 7 adults living with food insecurity in the Ozarks, we take one step closer to ending hunger for good.

I sincerely thank everyone who has partnered with The Food Bank in the past. Your compassion is greatly appreciated. If you haven't been involved with us before, now is the time. Every dollar donated will help provide four meals, and each hour of volunteer time helps provide 105 meals. I would love to chat with you more about getting involved with our mission.

Remember, it's not just donations or volunteer time that change the landscape of hunger—it's the collective efforts of our community. Thank you for partnering with us to create lasting change in southwest Missouri! Together, we can *Transform Hunger into Hope*.



The collective efforts of the community can help end hunger.

# SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE FRIENDS OF THE FOOD BANK

## CHECK OUT HUNGER HELPS PROVIDE NEARLY 277,000 MEALS

From mid-November through the end of December, 63 area grocery stores partnered with Ozarks Food Harvest for the 22nd annual Check Out Hunger. This year's campaign raised a record-breaking \$69,200 to help provide more than 276,800 meals. Heartfelt thanks to Apple Market, Country Mart, Harter House, Hy-Vee, King Cash Saver, Price Cutter, Ramey, Rhodes Family Price Chopper, Town & Country Supermarket and Woods Supermarket and the customers who supported hunger relief during the holiday season.



Harter House Nixa employees participated in Check Out Hunger.

## DINE OUT FOR HUNGER SUPPORTS LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND THE FOOD BANK

From January 25-31, 16 local restaurants donated a portion of proceeds to benefit Ozarks Food Harvest. SGC Foodservice provided a financial match for each donation made by restaurants. Special thanks to event sponsors SGC Foodservice, Ozarks Coca-Cola Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, Commerce Bank, Fellers Food Service Equipment, Pioneer Billboards and iHeartRadio Springfield. This community partnership has raised more than \$40,200 and counting! We're so thankful for this generous support from our sponsors and area restaurants.



We're thankful for everyone who participated in Dine Out for Hunger this year.

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD RAISES FOOD AND FUNDS

Thanks to everyone who donated to our Scouting for Food fundraiser with the Boy Scouts of America Trail Council this year. Donors raised a total of 9,585 meals and counting for hunger relief. Special thanks to local Scouts who have helped provide more than 200,000 meals since 2002!

## FEEDING AMERICA AND PARTNERS HELP PROVIDE COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING

Big thanks to Feeding America and its partners for supporting our ongoing COVID-19 relief efforts. A total of \$1.25 million has been provided to help purchase food, supplies and equipment, fund temporary workers, cover the cost of transportation and fuel increases, as well as fund additional food deliveries and distributions. Special thanks to all the Feeding America partners that helped make funding possible, including Jeff Bezos, Kraft Heinz Company Foundation, Morgan Stanley, WoodmenLife, Casey's General Stores, Anthem, Inc., and Wells Fargo. We can't thank Feeding America and these generous partners enough for supporting The Food Bank.



Thanks to Feeding America for supporting ongoing relief.

## GIVE OZARKS

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to Ozarks Food Harvest's Feeding the Future project on Give Ozarks Day! Generous donors helped raise \$17,204 that will help provide 68,816 meals for families facing hunger in the Ozarks. We're so grateful for these donations that will help so many of our neighbors get the food they need right now. Special thanks to the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for hosting this Rally to Recovery community-wide event.



Thanks for supporting Give Ozarks this year.

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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).

# HUNGER HERO NEWS

FEEDING FAMILIES ACROSS THE OZARKS

“I have always had a special concern for children. I can’t imagine what life is like when you don’t ever know if you will have the basic necessities.”

- Hollis Thomas, Ozarks Food Harvest volunteer



We're thankful for Hollis and her gifts of time to The Food Bank.

## TURNING PASSION INTO ACTION

Hollis refers to herself as a “world-class procrastinator”, but she wastes no time when she volunteers at The Food Bank!

Hollis began volunteering at Ozarks Food Harvest in 2017 after retiring from her pharmacy career. She always had a passion for helping others, and retirement presented the perfect opportunity.

“My mother had volunteered at a hospital and various other places when I was a child, and I always knew that I would, too,” she shared.

Growing up in a small town in southeast Missouri, Hollis was aware of poverty and how it affected those around her.

“Many of my classmates lived in true shacks with junk cars in the yard. The mines had pretty much shut down, and there were limited job opportunities,” she shared. “One family in particular that I was close to had an impact on me. If they didn’t shoot, catch or trap, they rarely had meat.”

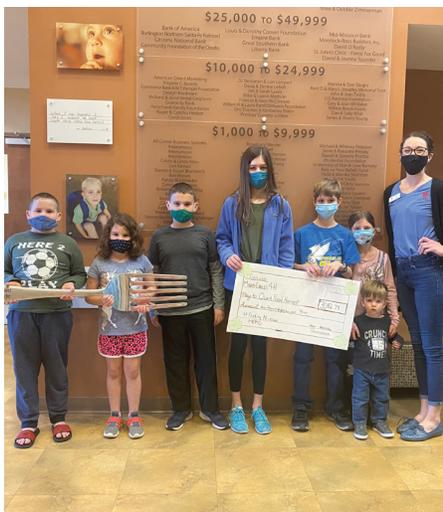
Seeing her classmates struggle inspired Hollis to make a difference in her community. Today, she’s passionate about making sure children have enough to eat.

“I have always had a special concern for children. I can’t imagine what life is like when you don’t ever know if you will have the basic necessities. How horrible to be hungry,” she expressed.

When she’s not volunteering at Ozarks Food Harvest, Hollis enjoys floating on Missouri’s beautiful rivers with her three daughters.

“Just give me a book and a stream, and I am perfectly content!” she shared.

Hollis has spent more than 500 hours volunteering at Ozarks Food Harvest over the past four years, and we are so grateful for her service. If you would like to volunteer with us and meet our volunteer family, please visit [ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer) to sign up and get on the schedule. We’ll see you soon!



Thanks to the 4H Club from Fordland for hosting a fundraiser!

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Check out the impact our community partners had from January 8–March 12.

### Cause Marketing

- Casey’s – 237,058 meals
- T.J. Maxx, HomeGoods and Marshalls – 25,164 meals
- Pick-n-Pull – 6,850 meals
- BoxLunch – 6,054 meals
- Community Blood Center of the Ozarks – 5,860 meals
- Masonic Home of Missouri – 5,760 meals
- Joel Gott Wines – 4,000 meals
- Akin’s Natural Foods – 2,000 meals
- Rapid Roberts – 1,920 meals

### Fund and Food Drives

- Facebook Fundraiser Campaigns – 15,912 meals
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – 2,025 meals
- Lambda Chi Alpha - MSU – 1,300 meals
- OakStar Bank – 1,008 meals
- JenFab Cleaning Solutions – 320 meals
- International Association of Administrative Professionals – 204 meals
- Sky Dragon Chinese Restaurant – 164 meals
- All Services, Air Service – 121 meals
- Kickapoo H.S. – 112 meals
- Simmons Bank – 93 meals
- 10 Fitness – 87 meals
- Springfield-Greene Co. Park Board – 51 meals
- Mother’s Brewing Company – 26 meals



Check out the new composting system at our home garden.

## Get growing this spring

Springtime has officially arrived in the Ozarks, and we couldn't be happier! This season, we hope that you'll join us in strengthening the local food system by supporting our Full Circle Gardens program.

There's nothing better than spending time in nature, soaking up the sunshine and providing food for families facing hunger. When you volunteer with us, you'll do just that by planting and harvesting veggies, pulling weeds, maintaining our high tunnels and more. Volunteers helped harvest more than 63,000 pounds of produce last year. We have opportunities throughout the week at our home garden in Rogersville and partner gardens around the Ozarks. Learn more at [ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer).

## Honoring volunteers in April

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we're using this opportunity to thank our incredible Hunger Heroes for their service to The Food Bank! Our volunteers help tackle hunger by sorting food donations, packing *Senior Food* boxes and *Weekend Backpacks* for students and working hard in our garden. Their collective impact *Transforms Hunger into Hope!*

This year, we're shining a bright light on the many generous volunteers that lend their time, talent and voices to make a difference in the Ozarks. They inspire us with their helping hands, smiles and compassion every day. Last fiscal year, volunteers helped provide 2.75 million meals to families facing hunger in southwest Missouri.

"I can't say thank you enough to the volunteers that choose to spend their time helping other people and advancing our

mission," said Jolene Thompson, volunteer engagement coordinator. "Their kindness, laughter and genuine desire to make a difference is inspiring and motivating."

Interested in providing nutritious produce from your own garden? Join our Plant a Row program! Simply plant an extra row and designate its harvest for donation to Ozarks Food Harvest. Last year, home gardeners and compassionate farmers donated 22,000 pounds of produce to support local food pantries and feeding programs. Special thanks to Harvest on Wheels, Grow Well Missouri, Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Plant a Row donors and our volunteers for supporting The Food Bank's Full Circle Gardens program.

Want to learn more about gardening this season? Reach each out to Alexa Poindexter at [apointdexter@ozarksfoodharvest.org](mailto:apointdexter@ozarksfoodharvest.org) to learn more.

Doing good comes in many forms. Whether our volunteers sign up to pull weeds at the garden, sort through produce or pack Senior Food boxes, we recognize and appreciate their desire to create lasting change within our 28-county service area.

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered at The Food Bank. From April 19-23, volunteers will be honored with special treats, activities and more. If you're passionate about serving others and want to get more involved in the fight against hunger, sign up to volunteer with us at [ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer).

# VOLUNTEERS

Below is a list of individuals and groups who have donated 12+ hours of time from January 1– February 28, 2021.

## INDIVIDUALS

Joseph Andrews	June Harrell
Earl Arnold	Reese Harrell
Michelle Arnold	Ann Hilmo
Amanda Bentley	Claire Hornibrook
Kim Burton	Mark Lachowitz
Kenneth Carnahan	Donald Landon
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## GROUPS

Abacus CPAs, LLC	MSU Ag. Industry Study
Amberger Family	MSU Care
Antioch UMC	MSU Gamma
Arnold Family	Sigma Sigma
Central Bank	MSU Lambda Chi Alpha
of the Ozarks	MSU Nutrition & Dietetics
Faith for Life –	MSU Sigma Phi Epsilon
Campbell UMC	Nikfarjam Family
Fatima and Minal	Rotaract Club of
Girl Scout Troop 70919	Springfield
Hendrickson Family	SPS Parkview High
King's Way UMC	School NHS
Laura's Home	SPS MSU Base Program
Logan Rogersville HS	Trouskie Family
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We're thankful for our volunteers!



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