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HARVEST TIME

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



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- Melissa Netzer, Dade County Senior Center Administrator

DADE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER OFFERS MORE THAN MEALS

"When the senior center told us they were closing because of COVID, it was a bad day," shared Daniel in Greenfield, MO. He's a retiree that visits the Dade County Senior Center every weekday for lunch and a game of dominoes.

"Sometimes I wasn't well enough to cook. We were cut off, and we need this place," Joanne, one of Daniel's fellow domino players, added.

Melissa Netzer, the current Dade County Senior Center administrator, explained that the center shut down early in the pandemic; everyone assumed it would open its doors when other businesses did. But when it remained shuttered, Netzer, who also sits on the Greenfield City Council and chamber of commerce, started digging for answers with the help of two other concerned community members, Randy Daniel and Pastor Scott Houston.

They discovered a funding issue, a leadership crisis, and COVID-19 contributed to the permanent closure. "It was perfect timing," Netzer said. Since all the local businesses had closed for the pandemic, the former administration decided to close, too. However, they had no plans to reopen. The senior center was simply abandoned. No more dominoes. No more daily fellowship. No more warm meals. It was a problem for the older adults in Dade County who counted on the nutrition and social interaction.

The closure took Netzer by surprise, "This [center] is very needed. Most of the seniors had been home for two years without any interaction." Netzer was a little upset, but it's fair to say, she does not lack determination. Although it was an uphill battle, she quickly pivoted from surprise to motivation. She rallied the whole community around the senior center. "I am the glorified cheerleader. I know who to call. We're a very tight-knit community. I figured once we got started it would work its way out."

Netzer, Daniel and Houston started fresh with a new board. All locals, all volunteers. They began to secure funding through grants, fundraisers, and sponsorships from community banks, churches, and businesses. She locked in the support of Missouri House Representative, Ann Kelley. Kelley made phone calls, raised funds on their behalf, and even helped serve Thanksgiving dinner.

Through their partnership with Ozarks Food Harvest, they received a grant for necessary improvements, as well as food for the seniors they serve. "Our food bill went to almost nothing when we partnered with Ozarks Food Harvest. They fixed us. It was a matter of night and day. They helped us get the freezer, the phone and internet service. We're almost civilized!" Soon, things did indeed begin to work out.

Dade County Senior Center reopened on August 16th, 2021, and has been serving meals since. With their community's support, they "operate like a well-oiled machine," says Netzer. They have successfully navigated building maintenance difficulties, sustainable funding issues, and the challenge of operating with an all-volunteer staff. They serve nearly 2,000 meals a month.

Netzer says she has regulars who come every day to visit and enjoy lunch. "Some don't pay because they can't afford it. That's fine. We fill them full and send them home with leftovers when we can." She added that she thinks this is the only decent meal some get every day - whether because of the cost or because physical limitations don't allow them to prepare meals for themselves.

Pastor Scott Houston agreed, "Our seniors go and thank the local businesses that sponsor us. There's an appreciation here you probably don't see in a lot of places. We know it can all go away."

Ozarks Food Harvest is inspired by our partners at Dade County Senior Center. Working together, we can *Transform Hunger into Hope*.

NUTRITION CAN BE CHALLENGING FOR SENIORS ON FIXED INCOMES

Right now, Ozarks Food Harvest is serving more seniors than ever before - more than one-third of the people we assist are over age 65.

After a lifetime of hard work, many seniors find themselves in difficult circumstances, struggling to make ends meet and stay in good health on a fixed income. Older adults often face health, economic, and mobility challenges that can make it impossible for them to access nutritious food.

The steady climb in inflation has put additional stress on fixed-income retirees. Any small change in circumstance, like rising food prices or a medical emergency, can destroy their grocery budget and create unbearable hardships.

To save money, seniors may eat less, skip meals, or face difficult decisions. Nearly 40% of the people we serve have to choose between food and medicine or medical care. Their health can suffer if they must choose between the two.

Good nutrition can help defend against many medical issues that come from an imbalanced or unhealthy diet, but purchasing healthy food isn't always possible.

"Lots of times eating healthier is just not an option whenever you're trying to buy food, you go for the cheap ramen noodles instead of the healthy stuff," shared 72-year-old Sandy, a neighbor who relies on the healthy food boxes from Ozarks Food Harvest's *Senior Mobile*

Produce Pantry every month. "We greatly appreciate the vegetables from The Food Bank. It's just been a blessing," she said.

Thanks to your generosity, Ozarks Food Harvest provides wholesome food to seniors across the 28 counties we serve. With your continued support, we can help ensure seniors across southwest Missouri can get the healthy meals necessary to keep their bodies and minds strong. Together, we are *Transforming Hunger into Hope* for older adults at risk of hunger in our community.



Senior Mobile Produce Pantries deliver healthy food to older adults.

SENIOR MOBILE PRODUCE PANTRY DELIVERS NUTRITION

"I am homebound, and I have to rely on The Food Bank to bring my community. Getting the fresh fruits and vegetables really helps me out," shared Vivian, a senior living in rural Wright County. She is one of more than 200,000 individuals over 65 living in southwest Missouri. Many of them find it difficult to access good nutrition. For some, it may be physical barriers like transportation or disabilities, and for others, it may be economic.

The problem is worse for seniors like Vivian because rural areas have the highest rates of food insecurity. Additionally, as seniors continue to age, they may be more likely to develop health problems, which makes traveling to stores, carrying groceries, and cooking more difficult.

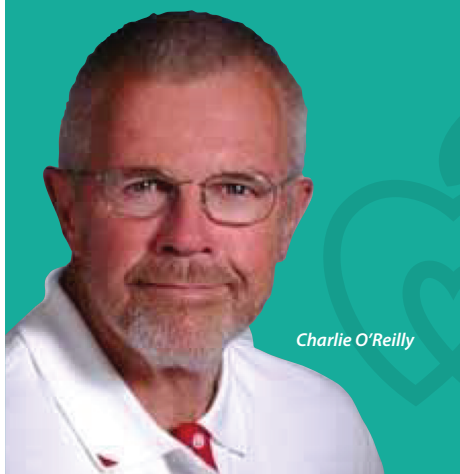
Last year, to help rural seniors have easier access to healthy food, Ozarks Food Harvest began the *Senior Mobile Produce Pantry*, thanks to a generous grant from Feeding America. The Food Bank partnered with senior housing authorities and senior centers to identify where mobile pantries would make the biggest difference. Food distributions were set up in Barry, Cedar, Douglas, Lawrence, Stone, Taney, Vernon and Wright counties.

Each month, adults over 65 that live in tucked-away communities receive boxes from Ozarks Food Harvest's *Senior Mobile Produce Pantry* filled with protein, produce, pantry staples and other food items. The food comes directly to them, increasing their access to good nutrition. The distributions provide 14,000 meals monthly.

In Douglas County, Nancy and John are a retired couple who receive these food boxes. They shared how much it helped them. "As a one-income older couple living in rural Missouri, Ozarks Food Harvest provides a variety of meat, fruit, cheese, eggs, bread, potatoes and vegetables that people aren't able to budget in. Ozark Food Harvest is truly a blessing."

With the help of grants and generous donors like you, we're working to end food insecurity for seniors by targeting locations that are difficult to reach and distributing more food. You can partner with us and help older Americans by donating today at ozarksfoodharvest.org.

Charlie's CORNER



Charlie O'Reilly



Support families with year-round giving.

AMERICA'S TOP ISSUE: HUNGER

For more than 50 years, Feeding America food banks have been providing meals to neighbors in need and working to raise awareness about hunger. Yet it wasn't until the pandemic, when so many lost their jobs, that hunger became a top issue for America: the government held a conference to address it, food banks topped charity lists for the first time, and need for food assistance spiked across the country.

After the initial surge in demand at the beginning of the pandemic, the U.S. government provided additional assistance to families through stimulus checks and child tax credits that helped many families make ends meet. However, COVID-related federal assistance has ended, the price of food has jumped more than 12% in the last year, and more families are in need than they were during the pandemic.

Recently, over 150 of Feeding America's 200 food banks reported increased demands for food assistance - meaning more people in America are facing hunger than ever. It's especially true for the rural counties of southwest Missouri, which have a dramatically higher rate of food insecurity. In the past six months, Ozarks Food Harvest and their network of faith-based and community partners reported serving an average of 62,000 individuals each month; nearly 12,000 more than during the same period in 2020 and 2021. People who never needed assistance are now relying on The Food Bank for help.

As charitable food becomes a necessity for many low-income homes struggling to cope with higher prices, Ozarks Food Harvest and its network are seeing the direct effects of inflation on demand. One agency administrator in rural Laclede County saw the number of people they serve double. She shared, "With the price of food

going up, we've seen a change in our numbers. We used to serve 18 to 25 people a day, and now we serve between 35 and 50."

To keep up with the demand, Ozarks Food Harvest depends on year-round giving from compassionate individuals, businesses, foundations and donors like you. Your support has never been more important as we help families get on the road to recovery. Your gift may help ensure a child has enough food to eat over the weekend through the *Weekend Backpack Program*, or it may help a grandmother continue to receive healthy food every month through our *Senior Mobile Produce Pantry*.

Thank you so much for partnering with us last year to help provide meals to people facing hunger. Let's work together in this new year to *Transform Hunger into Hope!*



Demand for food assistance is higher now.

UPCOMING EVENTS



LENT FISH DRIVE

February 22-April 8

Participate in this year's Lent Fish Drive and Fundraiser! Collect nutritious and low-calorie fish in cans and pouches and drop them off at the Food Bank during Lent. Fish is a high-protein food item our pantries love having available. Learn more at bit.ly/LentFishDrive2023.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

March

Calling all Boy Scouts! Join Ozarks Food Harvest for the annual Scouting for Food campaign this March. Host a neighborhood or storefront food drive with help from The Food Bank. Contact Sarah Byrd to get involved or ask any questions at sbyrd@ozarksfoodharvest.org.



FOOD FIGHT

March 20-March 31

Springfield Public Schools will compete for the title of Food Fight champion while raising meals for our neighbors facing hunger. Your business or organization can help by hosting a fundraiser or food drive on behalf of a partner school. Visit bit.ly/FOODFIGHT2023 to register or contact Jennifer Sickinger at jsickinger@ozarksfoodharvest.org to learn more.

WE WORK WELL WITH OTHERS

When you work with a hunger relief organization, you see the devastating effects food insecurity takes on individuals and communities every day, and it's heartbreaking.

The goal isn't only to feed the neighbors in need that come to us - it is to feed every neighbor in need including the ones that can't get to us. It is a challenge that needs innovative solutions. How do you identify where the needs are? How do you make the greatest impact on people and communities? Sometimes, the answer is to collaborate with other charitable organizations.

To reach people in communities that are underserved, Ozarks Food Harvest often partners with other charities. Working together we can be more efficient by coordinating efforts and sharing resources. It's a strategy that helps us provide meals to more people in hard-to-reach areas.

A great example of collaboration is our partnership with a non-profit community organization called Healthy Nevada. Their mission is to create a culture of health throughout Vernon County by focusing on wellness and prevention. Of course, good nutrition is critical to their goal.

One of the challenges, they shared, is that outside of the town of Nevada, Vernon County is almost entirely a 'food desert,' meaning there are

very few places for residents to access healthy food. Even more challenging, many seniors living in rural areas have economic, transportation or physical mobility limitations that further limit their access to nutrition.

Healthy Nevada helps us connect with Vernon County's rural neighbors in need. Because of their partnership, more people in the area facing hunger know The Food Bank's *Mobile Food Pantry* and *Senior Mobile Produce Pantry* are available to them. We coordinate with them to find distribution sites that are easy for everyone to access, and we work with their volunteers to deliver food to older neighbors that are homebound.

In the few months we've worked with Healthy Nevada, our *Mobile Food Pantry* and *Senior Mobile Produce Pantry* have delivered nearly 70,000 nutritious meals neighbors in need in Vernon County.

Although collaborations with other charitable organizations help us make the most of our resources, we know that none of it would be possible without you. The contributions you've made help seniors like John, a retiree in Vernon County who found help at one of our *Senior Mobile Produce Pantry* distributions.

"We're thankful for the healthy produce from Ozarks Food Harvest, and we appreciate that



Bart Brown,
President/CEO

BART'S *Hope Note*

they deliver to the rural communities. Thank you very much."

Because of you, John and so many others have been able to put food on their tables this winter, proving what we've known all along: it's your partnership that makes the difference. Thank you for all that you do.



Denise Gibson,
Development Director

From DENISE'S DESK

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH PLANNED GIVING

If you, or someone you love, are looking for ways to make a difference for future generations, Ozarks Food Harvest offers planned giving opportunities. A planned gift allows you to extend your charitable giving beyond your lifetime and make a difference for families like Ricky and Natalie's.

"I work two jobs, and my wife stays home with the kids. By the time I pay the rent, utilities and car insurance, we come up short. Ozarks Food Harvest helps us put food on the table. It gives us hope, definitely. It helps us get through the day and give back what we can. It's what makes a community work."

Planned gifts are typically bequests, but donors can contribute in a variety of other ways.

Consider designating Ozarks Food Harvest as a beneficiary if you have unused retirement assets, excess life insurance, or by remembering The Food Bank in your will or trust.

A financial advisor can help you design a plan that works best for you and what tax benefits might be available. No matter how you choose to extend your charitable giving, please know we

will be honored by your long-term partnership. All gifts, no matter the size, make a difference.

Help future generations by including Ozarks Food Harvest in your will or estate planning. Your support will strengthen our community and help provide meals for families unable to put food on their tables.

For more information, visit ozarksfoodharvest.org/planned-giving, or call me at 417-865-3411. Thank you for considering a legacy gift to Ozarks Food Harvest that could change so many lives.



Planned giving supports local families.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE FRIENDS OF THE FOOD BANK

O'REILLY FOUNDATION RAISES \$25,000 FOR THE WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

Heartfelt thanks to O'Reilly Auto Parts for helping so many children get the food they need. Each year, O'Reilly hosts the Charity Golf Classic to raise money for local charitable organizations, and this year their golf tournament raised \$25,000 for the *Weekend Backpack Program*. We are so grateful for this great partner!



Weekend Backpack Program feeds students.

BALL FOUNDATION WILL SPONSOR NEARLY 60 CHILDREN

Ozarks Food Harvest is incredibly grateful for the Stanley & Elaine Ball Foundation's generous donation of \$10,000 for the *Weekend Backpack Program*! This will sponsor nearly 60 children with weekend meals for an entire semester. Thank you for helping us feed local children in need!

SGC FOODSERVICE HELPS PROVIDE 100,000 MEALS

Thank you to SGC Foodservice for their compassionate donation of \$25,000 and longstanding partnership. In the past fifteen years, SGC Foodservice has donated nearly 670,000 pounds of food, and an additional \$400,000 in monetary support. We could not work to end hunger in southwest Missouri without partners like them.



SGC recently provided 100,000 meals.

SMART CHICKEN MAKES ANNUAL HOLIDAY DONATION

Ozarks Food Harvest recently received a donation of 7,300 pounds of Smart Chicken, thanks to Smart Chicken's 20th annual Smart Giving Holiday Challenge. This donation allows us to provide protein-rich chicken for families facing hunger. Thank you, Smart Chicken, for this impactful gift—and for donating more than 147,000 pounds of chicken since 2004!



Smart Chicken donates 7,300 pounds of chicken.

JR ALBERT FOUNDATION HELPS PROVIDE 100,000 MEALS

Thanks so much to the J.R. Albert Foundation for its \$25,000 gift. This generous gift will help provide 100,000 meals for children, families and seniors in the Ozarks. The J.R. Albert Foundation strives to promote food equity, fight poverty and foster sustainable agriculture, and we're grateful for their partnership.

WALMART FIGHT HUNGER. SPARK CHANGE. RAISES OVER \$138,000

Sam's Club and Walmart's Fight Hunger. Spark Change. campaign raised \$138,571 for Ozarks Food Harvest this year, and we're grateful to all the customers who gave so generously! This campaign supports Feeding America food banks across the nation, and one hundred percent of the funds collected locally help feed children, families and seniors in southwest Missouri.



Fight Hunger. Spark Change. raises money for local food banks.

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To view a full staff listing please visit ozarksfoodharvest.org.

HUNGER HERO NEWS

FEEDING FAMILIES ACROSS THE OZARKS

“I want to help people live better lives and help make the world a better place one tiny step at a time; I have been blessed and want to give back.”

- Mary Keidle, Ozarks Food Harvest Volunteer



Mary Keidle volunteers in our garden.

TINY STEPS TOWARD A BETTER WORLD

Mary Keidle makes the most of her retirement—hiking, kayaking, fishing, woodworking, gardening, playing the handbells at church, and enjoying hot air balloon rides. She even learned the Japanese art form of kintsugi during her retirement. Kintsugi is the beautiful practice of restoring broken pottery with precious metals, making it more attractive than it was originally.

Keidle approaches volunteering with the same Zen sensibilities, “I want to help people live better lives and help make the world a better place one tiny step at a time; I have been blessed and want to give back.”

She loves working outdoors, so she volunteers with Ozarks Food Harvest crop gleans and the gardens throughout the year. She says it provides a sense of purpose, fulfillment, and satisfaction, “I get the sense that I’m helping others.”

Keidle’s philosophy of ‘improvement through small, sensible steps’ is at the heart of many of her comments. It’s easy to see why: it’s practical, simple to do, and it can have a transformative effect.

Even when the problem seems overwhelming, such as how to solve hunger in the Ozarks, Keidle maintains perspective and begins with a simple step. “First,” she says about the issue of hunger, “it must be acknowledged by everyone.” It’s only then that problem-solving can begin.

Keidle had a few ideas of where to start – all excess food at stores can be redistributed instead of thrown out (like Ozarks Food Harvest’s *Retail Pick-Up program*), neighborhood garden programs expanded, and garden education opportunities. Changes like that would mean people would have access to fresh food and know how to prepare it.

Keidle says not everyone acknowledges the issue of food insecurity in southwest Missouri, but she wished they did, and she wished they knew there was a lot of it. As an example, she mentions the 1,700 children that depend on the *Weekend Backpack Program*. She explains, “I point out that children cannot learn or focus if they are hungry. If we want our children to succeed, we must make sure they have nutritious food available.”

She’s right, of course. If we help people out of hunger, it makes the world a better place. We just need everyone to take one tiny step at a time, like our wonderful volunteer partner, Mary Keidle.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Check out our community partners who helped provide more than 1,200 meals from November 1, 2022–January 5, 2023.

Southern Missouri Women Lawyers
Association – 40,000 meals
FCS Financial – 20,000 meals
Georgia Mac’s – 14,000 meals
Great Southern Bank – 12,444 meals
Graddy Real Estate LLC –
10,000 meals
Meta Games Unlimited, Inc. –
8,970 meals
Ridewell Suspensions – 8,956 meals

Sac River Cowboy Church –
8,000 meals
St. John’s Episcopal Church –
8,000 meals
Branco Enterprises – 6,000 meals
Springfield-Greene Co. Park Board –
5,320 meals
Culver’s – 4,828 meals
Affinity Wealth Partners –
4,248 meals
Biblical Life Assembly – 4,000 meals

Messiah Lutheran Church –
4,000 meals
L&W Industries – 3,908 meals
Neighbor’s Mill Bakery & Café –
3,600 meals
Wesley United Methodist Women –
3,600 meals
Holmes & Griffeth Financial
Planners – 3,430 meals
Rapid Robert’s – 3,200 meals
Kickapoo High School – 2,985 meals

Community Blood Center of the
Ozarks – 2,600 meals
Teamsters Retirees – 2,400 meals
Springfield Conservation Nature
Center – 2,200 meals
Hold Fast Brewing – 2,080 meals
Wesley United Methodist Church –
2,000 meals
Ozarks Technical Community
College – 1,273 meals
Akins Natural Foods – 1,200 meals



Winter harvest in our high tunnels.

Full Circle Gardens in Winter

The freezing temperatures and snowy days may not seem like gardening weather, but our gardens are vibrant and busy all year.

When the thermometer dips during the cold winter months, we are hard at work harvesting winter vegetables, maintaining the farm, planning next season's crops, repacking seeds and much more.

The weather is perfect for growing produce like turnips, kale, carrots and spinach – off-site gleans and our high tunnels allow us to harvest throughout the winter. We stay warm cleaning out beds and ensuring our tools and the farm are well-maintained.

The frigid days also allow us time to plan next season's crops. We carefully choose a variety of disease-resistant seeds donated from great

partners like Baker's Creek, schedule planting dates and design crop rotations to help keep the soil healthy.

One of our main winter activities is repacking seeds and building Garden-to-Go kits for our community and faith-based partner charities.

Our partners request almost 7,000 kits a year to distribute to neighbors in need so they can begin their own gardens. We create a mix of seeds everyone could use, a combination of vegetables and herbs, and we include a planting calendar, simple growing tips and recipes.

If you'd like to help in our gardens, we have sessions available all year long. Join us in February or March when seed starting begins in earnest! Register and schedule some time with us at ozarksfoodharvest.org/volunteer.

Central Bank of the Ozarks awarded Philanthropic Corporation of the Year

Central Bank of the Ozarks was recently named the Philanthropic Corporation of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Ozarks Region chapter. As an integral part of the Springfield community since 1902, Central Bank believes our community's success depends on the important work of nonprofit organizations. They demonstrate their commitment to our community by donating over \$300,000 a year to local charities helping to make southwest Missouri a better place to work and live.

As a steadfast supporter of The Food Bank for 22 years, Central Bank has donated more than \$130,000 to help us *Transform Hunger*

into Hope. Employees of the bank donate their personal time, and in the last five years, they've volunteered more than 700 hours with Ozarks Food Harvest. With the combination of their financial contributions and volunteer time, Central Bank has helped provide more than 700,000 meals to people facing hunger throughout the Ozarks. Their efforts have been a tangible step in helping The Food Bank solve hunger throughout our 28 counties.

Congratulations to Central Bank of the Ozarks! We're grateful for their partnership. They truly go above and beyond to invest in our community.

VOLUNTEERS

Below is a list of individuals and groups who have donated 15+ hours of time from November 1– December 31, 2022.

INDIVIDUALS

Michael Alexander
James Blackwell
Linda Brown
Ellora Bultema
Gabriel Cabrera
Kenneth Carnahan
Tom Carson
Gale Clithero
Dewayne Cossey
Jared Daniels
Gary DeHaven
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Terry Reichert
Alexander Scranton
Trudy Shepard
Corey Shrewsbury
Jarod Silhavy
Kenneth Simons
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Margene Terrill
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Amy Viets-Cooper
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Lona Wait
Jack Williams
Kitty Williams
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Sorority Life
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MSU Religious Studies
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Sac River Cowboy Church
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SGC Foodservice
SPS Community Liaisons
MSU BASE Program
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Walmart Market 357
Wesley UMC
Willard HS FFA

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