



Media Advisory

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Musgrave Foundation to gift Greene County area nonprofits \$100,000

WHAT: Press conference to announce the Musgrave Foundation's 2012 Hunger Relief grant recipients
WHERE: Ozarks Food Harvest, O'Reilly Center for Hunger Relief, [2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave.](#), Springfield, Mo.
WHEN: 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (Embargoed for Feb. 1 release)—The Jeannette L. Musgrave Foundation is granting gifts totaling \$100,000 to seven nonprofit organizations in the Greene County area at a press conference at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at Ozarks Food Harvest.

The agencies receiving awards are Ozarks Food Harvest member food pantries and feeding sites. Ozarks Food Harvest is the regional food bank which distributes 12 million pounds of food annually to 300 nonprofits across 28 southwest Missouri counties. The funding will help feed food insecure individuals in Springfield and surrounding communities.

Representatives from each of the nonprofit agencies will be present to discuss the increasing demand for assistance. In Greene County, more than 42,000 individuals—or approximately 16 percent—are considered food insecure, according to Ozarks Food Harvest, meaning they do not know where their next meal is coming from. Of those Greene County individuals, 31 percent do not qualify for any form of federal assistance and must rely on charitable help.

In Jan. 2010, the Musgrave Foundation distributed more than \$100,000 to nearly ten Greene County hunger relief organizations. The 2012 distribution from the Musgrave Foundation is in addition to their ongoing support of area nonprofit organizations. On Jan. 26, another local foundation, the Roy W. Slusher Foundation, awarded \$100,000 in grants to OFH member agencies in Stone and Taney County at a press conference at the Keeter Center at the College of the Ozarks.

The Musgrave Foundation was formed in 1984, during Jeannette L. Musgrave's later years in life. She was the wife of Dr. Edward F. Musgrave who inherited a sizable sum from his family's oil leases in Oklahoma and Texas. Since its inception, the Musgrave Foundation has awarded approximately \$9,000,000 in grants to selected charities in the Springfield, Mo. area.

Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America food bank for southwest Missouri, serving approximately 80,000 individuals monthly through its 300 member agencies and direct-service programs. Learn more at ozarksfoodharvest.org and at facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest.

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