



## Media Release

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### **Nakato donating half of all sales for Joplin efforts**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.**—Nakato Japanese Steakhouse in Springfield is donating 50 percent of sales from Monday, July 11, to Ozarks Food Harvest's long-term relief efforts in Joplin.

Nakato is open next Monday between 4:30 and 10:00 p.m. and is located in the Battlefield Mall parking lot. The restaurant recommends patrons make reservations in advance for Monday's fundraiser. Donations are also accepted.

"We are thrilled that Nakato is giving to our relief efforts in Joplin. They're donating half of all sales, not just proceeds, which is truly incredible," said Denise Gibson, development director at Ozarks Food Harvest. "We're looking forward to finding out how many community members dine at the Japanese steakhouse for dinner Monday."

"We are pleased to partner with Ozarks Food Harvest to help our neighbors in Joplin," said Jeremy Osten, manager at Nakato Japanese Steakhouse.

Ozarks Food Harvest continues to serve more than 20 relief sites in Joplin and the surrounding area daily, and says The Food Bank will continue to serve Joplin for years to come.

"Nakato has been overwhelmingly generous to The Food Bank over the years, especially to our Kids Cafe® program. Chefs have instructed our child clients on meal preparation and have also raised funds for the program through events such as an annual golf tournament," Gibson said.

Nakato hosted a similar fundraiser in April, raising \$34,000 to support the earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan.

Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America® food bank for southwest Missouri, serving more than 300 hunger relief organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank reaches 20,000 individuals weekly and distributes nine million pounds of food annually. OFH was named the 2011 Small Business of the Year by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Learn more at [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org) and at [facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest](https://facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest).

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