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**Food Harvest**

The Food Bank

## **Press Release**

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### **Campaign to feed Ozarks hungry raises more than \$20,000**

Springfield, Mo. – More than 70 area grocery and convenience stores collected more than \$20,000 in donations for Ozarks Food Harvest's annual, Ozarks-wide campaign to feed the hungry.

The fundraiser ran from November 19 through December 31, and allowed customers to make a tax-free donation with their purchase when they checked out at Akin's, Dillon's, Harter House, Murfin's Market, Ramey-Price Cutter Stores, Summer Fresh and Woods Supermarket. New this year, Cody's Convenience Stores placed donation jars on check-out counters for customers' donations.

For every dollar raised, meals will be provided for seven people. Matt Graif of Graif Design created the campaign artwork and McCann Printing covered the printing costs. Media sponsors included KY3, Clear Channel Communications, and Community Publishers, Inc.

Ozarks Food Harvest distributes food to 323 hunger relief organizations, reaching more than 41,000 people each month in 29 southwest Missouri counties.

According to The Food Bank, more than 150,000 people in the Ozarks are at-risk of hunger, and 50,000 are children.

Ozarks Food Harvest distributes more than four million pounds of food annually to its network of agencies, and also offers direct relief through its Kids Cafe, Food for Thought, Club F.U.N. and Mobile Food Pantry programs.

For more information call 417-865-3411 or Transform Hunger into Hope at [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org).

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