



Media Advisory

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Ozarks Food Harvest and Community Blood Center of the Ozarks to announce partnership at press conference next week

- WHAT:** Press Conference to unveil upcoming partnership between the community's food bank and blood bank
- WHERE:** The Food Bank—[2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave.](#) in the North Creek Business Park in North Springfield, Mo.
- WHEN:** Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

SPRINGFIELD (Dec. 4, 2009)—Ozarks Food Harvest can feed more hungry families this holiday season thanks to a new partnership with the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO). The two Ozarks nonprofits are set to announce the collaboration next week on Dec. 10 at 10:00 a.m. at The Food Bank's new location at 2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave. in Springfield.

In addition to unveiling the partnership, Ozarks Food Harvest staff and board of directors are hosting their own blood drive for CBCO during and after the press conference on Dec. 10. To schedule a time to give blood at The Food Bank in celebration of this collaboration, call Lindsey Neddenriep at (417) 865-3411.

Ozarks Food Harvest is the only food bank in southwest Missouri and serves more than 350 hunger relief organizations, reaching more than 55,000 people each month in 29 Ozarks counties. OFH distributed seven million pounds of food during its last fiscal year—the highest distribution in The Food Bank's 25-year history. Learn more at ozarksfoodharvest.org.

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***Media Note:** OFH President/CEO Bart Brown will be donating blood immediately following the press conference at approximately 10:30 a.m. Cameras are allowed on the CBCO truck, which will be parked directly in front of Ozarks Food Harvest's main entrance.

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