



## Media Release

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### **HUNGERTHON 2009 nets record \$123,315 for The Food Bank**

**Nation's largest food bank radiothon returns for 11<sup>th</sup> year**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Four long days of fundraising by Ozarks Food Harvest and Alice@95.5 FM have brought in more than \$123,315 for The Food Bank's Weekend Backpack program.

The \$123,315 collected is a record, topping last year's \$116,030. Every penny raised will go straight to the Weekend Backpack Program in support of childhood hunger in the Ozarks.

This year's total of \$123,315 is enough for more than 411 backpacks. These backpacks are given out on Friday afternoons to students on the free and reduced lunch program before they go home for the weekend. Currently, 28 schools are participating in the program.

Alice personalities Kevin Howard and Liz Delany again hosted HUNGERTHON 2009, which is the largest food bank radiothon in the nation. This year marked the 11<sup>th</sup> year Ozarks Food Harvest and Alice have teamed up in support of The Food Bank.

HUNGERTHON 2009 kicked off Friday morning at 6 am outside of historic Tower Theater at Glenstone Avenue and Sunshine Road. Everyone involved spent close to 30 hours on air throughout the weekend raising money for Ozarks Food Harvest.

Ozarks Food Harvest works with more than 350 hunger relief organizations, reaching upwards of 53,000 people each month in 29 southwest Missouri counties. Ozarks Food Harvest distributes more than seven million pounds of food annually to its network of agencies and offers direct relief through its Kids Cafe®, Food for Thought™, Club F.U.N.™ and Mobile Food Pantry™ programs.

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