



# O Z A R K S Food Harvest

The Food Bank

## Press Release

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### **Panera 8K Hunger Run to benefit Ozarks Food Harvest**

*Pre-registration deadline is in one week*

SPRINGFIELD – Panera Bread of Springfield will host the second annual **Hunger Run**, an 8K run and one mile run or walk, to benefit Ozarks Food Harvest, on **Saturday, April 26, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Southern Hills neighborhood.

Registration is \$20 in advance for the 8K and \$25 the day of the race. The one mile fun run/walk is \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the run. Registration forms are available at area Panera locations, at Ridge Runner Sports, and online at active.com. Pre-registration deadline is April 18.

Day of race registration begins at 7 a.m. on April 26 in the parking lot in front of Panera Bread on East Sunshine in the Southern Hills Shopping Center. Both races begin at 8 a.m.

Male and Female Divisions fall into the following age brackets: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and over.

Each paid and pre-registered runner will receive a short-sleeved t-shirt on the day of the race. Panera gift cards will be awarded to the top three division winners, and a plaque will be awarded to the overall male and female runners.

Students can participate for a fee of five nonperishable food items.

Ozarks Food Harvest distributes food to 325 hunger relief organizations, reaching more than 41,000 people each month in 29 southwest Missouri counties. Ozarks Food Harvest distributes more than 4.5 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 Hunger Run information, or to sponsor this event, contact Mindy Spitz at 889-8282. To learn more about Ozarks Food Harvest, call 865-3411 or Transform Hunger into Hope at [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org).

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