



## Media Release

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### Local Boy Scouts will pick up food donations for Ozarks Food Harvest

SPRINGFIELD – *Scouting for Food* is in full swing for another year with southwest Missouri Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts volunteering their time in support of Ozarks Food Harvest.

The Scouts spent much of their past Saturday afternoon in their local neighborhoods, knocking on doors, asking people to find a few extra canned goods for The Food Bank. Door hangers were also passed out explaining the Scouts would return a week later to collect the donations.

Now, on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the boys will again head out into their neighborhoods to collect the donations and take them to Ozarks Food Harvest. If you plan on being away from home Saturday morning, you're asked to set the food outside the front door in a grocery sack.

The Food Bank will open its doors from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> for the boys to drop off the donations.

Typically, this is one of the largest food drives benefitting The Food Bank. The Scouts routinely bring in more than 10,000 pounds of food during *Scouting for Food*.

This year, the success of the event may be more important than ever before. The Ozarks Food Harvest network is reporting record requests for food assistance and the late winter months are typically the slowest for donations.

Helping to motivate the Scouts this year is a little something extra. For the first time, Missouri State University will sponsor *Scouting for Food*, offering the Scout Troop that brings in the most food free tickets to a Bears Baseball game this spring.

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 5 million pounds of food annually to its network of agencies and offers direct relief through its Kids Cafe<sup>®</sup>, Food for Thought<sup>™</sup>, Club F.U.N.<sup>™</sup> and Mobile Food Pantry<sup>™</sup> programs.

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