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## Press Release

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### **Benefit Motorcycle Ride to raise money for Food for Thought program**

SPRINGFIELD – The local affiliate of Missouri’s largest motorcycle rights organization, Freedom of Road Riders, are hosting the second annual 70 mile Benefit Motorcycle Ride on March 30 to raise money for Ozarks Food Harvest’s children’s weekend backpack feeding program, Food for Thought.

The cost for the 70 mile ride, which begins at Wal-Mart on Hwy 60 in Nixa and ends at Summers at the River, is \$15 per bike. Sign-up is from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and the ride starts at 1 p.m.

Food for Thought provides backpacks filled with nutritional non-perishable, easy-open food items for hungry children to take home for the weekend in a backpack which looks like any other student’s backpack.

Twenty-five elementary schools in Ozarks Food Harvest’s 29 county service area currently participate in Food for Thought. More than 620 children benefit from this program.

Ozarks Food Harvest distributes more than 4.5 million pounds of food annually to its network of 325 agencies, and also offers direct relief through its Food for Thought weekend backpack program, its Mobile Food Pantry, and through its Kids Cafe after school feeding program and Club FUN children’s health and nutrition classes.

Freedom of Road Riders, Inc., (FORR®) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting safety, brotherhood, and freedom for all motorcyclists.

To sponsor a child’s backpack or an elementary school, call Denise Gibson at (417) 865-3411 or for more information about Freedom of Road Riders or the Benefit Motorcycle Ride, call Curtiss at (417) 881-2795.

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