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**For Immediate Release: “Harvest Soup Cook-off” to Benefit Ozarks Food Harvest**

More than a dozen area restaurants and members of the Greater Springfield Farmers’ Market will dish up their signature soups and stews for the community to sample as part of a benefit for Ozarks Food Harvest.

The event will take place on **Saturday, September 18**, from **10 a.m. until noon** at the Greater Springfield Farmers’ Market at **Battlefield Mall parking lot**, 2825 S. Glenstone in Springfield.

Participating restaurants include Big Easy Grill, Bistro Market by Price Cutter, Farmers Gastropub, Frisco Crossing, Mille’s Cafe, Nakato Japanese Steak House, and Nearly Famous Deli & Pasta House.

Greater Springfield Farmers’ Market participants include Burton’s Farm, Flintrock Bison Ranch, Jones Farm, Lakeside Gardens, Magpie’s Food Services, Raised Rite Farm, and Sunshine Valley Farm.

Soup varieties to be featured include broccoli cheese soup, buffalo stew, butternut squash soup, chicken soup, pepper soup, chicken corn chowder, pumpkin apple soup, chicken sausage gumbo, sweet potato soup, and tomato soup.

There is no set admission cost, but the community is asked to bring donations of cash, canned goods, paper products or fresh produce to the Harvest On Wheels “Donation Station” booth. All donations will go to Ozarks Food Harvest, the region’s food bank.

The Harvest Soup Cook-off is sponsored by the Greater Springfield Farmers’ Market and Harvest On Wheels, a public service project sponsored by southwest Missouri Democrats that welcomes everyone’s participation.

For more information, contact Harvest On Wheels organizer **Linda Bossi** at **890-1079, 827-9143** or **jwbossi@aol.com** .

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