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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE—January 20, 2014

Make this MLK Day more meaningful. Sponsor a food drive event at a Red Barrel location near you and help feed the hungry in your community.

Contact Red Barrel Coordinator John Robinson at jrobinson@dmreligious.org or call 515-277-6969 x18, to schedule a food drive event near you!



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DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL RED BARREL NEWS

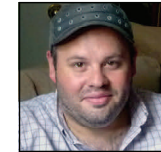
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CEREMONY AND TOUR SET FOR JAN. 11TH

Des Moines, IA—In preparation for the big move from the current location to the new offices and warehouse located at 1435 Mulberry Street, the Des Moines Area Religious Council has planned an event for January 11, 2014 to introduce volunteers and staff to the new facilities. The first part of the itinerary includes a private ceremony from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the old warehouse to honor local Kiwanis clubs and their members for their significant contributions to the DMARC Food Pantry Network over the years. Local club members and their families have been sent invitations to take part in the celebration. (Details of Kiwanis' instrumental efforts in opening DMARC's first Food Pantry warehouse will appear in the next quarterly edition of *The Voice*, due out February 1st.) The second part of the itinerary includes a tour and reception for all volunteers and staff from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the new warehouse downtown. Bus transportation will be provided from the offices at 3816 36th Street to the new downtown location for those wishing to attend the event. Participants should RSVP with number of guests no later than January 5th by contacting (515) 277-6969 or info@dmreligious.com.



NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR'S DESK



Season's Greetings, everyone! I hope you are all enjoying your holidays and staying warm. As someone who supports the efforts of DMARC's

Food Pantry Network to feed the hungry in our community, you already know how important it is to reach out to our friends and neighbors this time of year. But many of us inadvertently take for granted the things that help make this season special when there are so many who must go without. Now, with cuts to Federal food assistance programs beginning to take effect, local families are feeling the pinch more than ever. This year, when you are gathered with love ones, remind them of the importance of lending a hand to those around us who are in need. Not only does it help them, it also help us by elevating our community—and it is only by helping others that we ourselves can fully live. I look forward to seeing you all again soon in the coming New Year. If you haven't yet made plans to visit our new facility, please do so. We will have everything moved over to the new space and be fully operational by the end of January!—JR

SACK SATURDAY SPOTLIGHT



(Left): Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority here in Des Moines collected over 100 food items and nearly \$220 in cash donations in just two hours at Dahl's Foods, 35th and Ingersoll, on November 16th. (Right): Students belonging to the Ankeny High School Key Club help local Kiwanis Club members load collected food items into the MoveTheFood.org van in front of the Hy-Vee near 1st St. and Ankeny Blvd. They collected over 800 food items and nearly \$475 in cash and checks on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

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RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER, 2013 = 11,307

Rank	Store	Address	Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd.	1299	Wes Snook	Link Associates
2	Dahl's	4343 Merle Hay Rd.	715	Dave Wilson	Ron Stoen
3	Dahl's	1819 Beaver Ave.	638	Jeff Hudson	Golden K Kiwanis
4	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st Street, WDM	631	Mark Luke	Bob and Jan Schulte
5	Dahl's	3425 Ingersoll Ave.	617	Mark Pearson	Downtown Kiwanis
6	Dahl's	5003 E.P. True Pkwy. WDM	552	Troy Bond	Link Associates
7	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Dr.	512	Jamie Stephens	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
8	Hy-Vee	7101 University Ave.	503	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
9	Dahl's	3400 E. 33rd St.	407	Lyle Ellenwood	Link Associates
10	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd St.	379	Wil Golberg	Link Associates
11	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd., Johnston	362	Ryan Roberts	John Young/Ron Stoen
12	Dahl's	5440 N.W. 86th St., Johnston	348	Joe McDonald	John Young/Ron Stoen
13	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand Ave., WDM	334	Kim Cole	Chris Burch
14	Fareway	8450 Meredith Dr.	306	Dave Eisentrager	Larry Hamlin
15	Dahl's	4121 Fleur Dr.	268	Mike Hixon	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
16	Dahl's	8700 Hickman Rd.	246	Ryan Halverson	Liz Coffman
17	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK Blvd.	187	Brandon Williams	Food Pantry Warehouse
18	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas Ave.	180	Drew Holmes	Larry Hamlin
19	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordon Creek Pkwy., WDM	162	Jim Carney	Harlan Thomas
20	Dahl's	1320 E. Euclid Ave.	150	Jim Martin	Link Associates
21	Fareway	100 E. Euclid Ave.	147	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
22	Dahl's	1802 N. Ankeny Blvd.	141	Pat Childress	Amy Tournier
23	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Rd.	119	Brian Hixon	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
24	Dahl's	1208 Prospect, WDM	110	Kevin Helm	Paul Benson
25	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th St.	82	Doug Dop	Link Associates
26	Fareway	10151 University Ave., Clive	80	Kevin McCormick	Link Associates
27	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	35	Store Director	Amy Tournier
28	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor Rd., Ankeny	31	Doug Haugland	Link Associates
29	Hy-Vee	1700 35th St., WDM	0	Tony Taylor	Link Associates

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN NOVEMBER = 522

TOP TEN STORES FOR \$6 HUNGER SACKS (6 ITEMS)

- 65 - Hy-Vee, 4707 Fleur Drive
- 58 - Dahl's, 50th & E.P. True
- 48 - Hy-Vee, S. 51st & Mills Civ.
- 35 - Dahl's, Beaverdale
- 32 - Dahl's, N.W. 86th, Johnston
- 26 - Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights
- 26 - Fareway, S.E. 22nd St.
- 25 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 23 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road
- 16 - Fareway, 86th & Meredith

TOP FIVE STORES FOR \$12 HUNGER SACKS (12 ITEMS)

- 24 - Dahl's, 35th & Ingersoll
- 21 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 19 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road
- 11 - Fareway, S.E. 22nd St.
- 6 - Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights

DISCARDED ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER = 1,766

Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek
Jim Carney, Store Director
Harlan Thomas

1472

Fareway, East Euclid
Nick Greiner, Store Director
Link Associates

186

Fareway, S.E. 22nd
Wil Golberg, Store Director
Link Associates

108

Hy-Vee, East Euclid
Mike Kueny, Store Director
Link Associates

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FIVE-YEAR HISTORY OF RED BARREL COLLECTIONS

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Cash
January	11,091	8,892	7,848	9,826	11,423	\$1,743.03
February	10,719	9,015	9,102	8,599	8,239	\$955.03
March	11,666	10,637	9,398	10,876	9,339	\$643.63
April	12,649	8,866	10,837	10,540	10,599	\$2,471.46
May	9,542	7,015	9,580	7,707	8,629	\$180.17
June	10,026	11,009	7,334	8,817	7,532	\$347.86
July	8,073	9,172	7,970	9,544	9,435	\$1,005.03
August	8,471	8,779	8,848	7,620	7,009	—
September	8,625	7,740	8,419	6,565	8,506	—
October	13,106	12,589	13,112	9,357	9,108	\$747.24
November	14,000	11,586	14,267	13,157	11,307	\$987.99
December	11,961	12,933	18,362	12,074		
TOTAL	129,929	117,802	124,638	114,682		