



Des Moines Area Religious Council RED BARREL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 2012

Volunteer Highlight Link Associates

At least once a week volunteers appear in stores to empty the contents of the red barrel. Sometimes there is an abundance of hunger sacks and other times there may be just a few cans of food. Nevertheless, the diligence of volunteers who pick up barrel contents is important to the successful operation of the Red Barrel Program.

One group that carries a significant portion of the process are Link Associates volunteers who provide pick up at 11 of the 29 stores where barrels are located. These pick-ups occur at least once a week and involve carrying a lot of food from the stores to the warehouse.

When asked about their affiliation with the Red Barrel Program, Tiffany Springer, Link Associates Vocational Administrator responded with the following:

"The Link Associates Day Habilitation program is very grateful for this wonderful volunteer program provided to us through the Des Moines Area Religious Council. It allows the individuals we support opportunities to give back to their community and is very rewarding to them. Everyone who participates finds enjoyment in the program, whether it be from counting the hunger sacks they pick up, to the natural supports they have established with others or simply getting into the community on a regular basis. Over the past couple years Link has been able to acquire additional pick-up locations which has enabled us to expand this wonderful opportunity to more individuals within our program.

We are very appreciative and honored to be a part of this program and are always looking for additional ways to become more involved with the community. The opportunities that Red Barrel Program has provided has been very beneficial to helping the individuals we support meet their individual goals."

DMARC is thankful for all the services provided by Link Associates volunteers. DMARC is thankful for the services provided by ALL volunteers.

THANK YOU!

2012 Feinsein Challenge - \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger

Each year the DMARC Food Pantry Network participates in the Feinsein Challenge. The Feinsein grant is distributed to eligible organizations proportionally based on cash and food pledges and donations received between March 1 and April 30th. Each gift or pledge received will help boost DMARC's portion of the Feinsein Grant. In 2011 the Feinsein Challenge resulted in over \$82,500 in donations, or the equivalent of 110,000 meals, designated for the DMARC Food Pantry Network. The goal for 2012 is \$90,000.

Food received in Red Barrels will be counted as part of the match.

Where the Food Goes

In January of 2012, the Food Pantry Network distributed 117,430 items of food to 12 local food pantries. This includes over 23,974 pounds of fresh produce. There were 9,871 individuals served by the food pantries during this month.



DMARC Emergency Food Pantry
3816 36th Street, DM, 50310
515-277-6969
Executive Director:
Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice
Food Pantry Director:
Elisabeth Ballstadt
Red Barrel Coordinator:
Cindy Morton
277-6969 or 238-4593

RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY, 2012 = 9,826

Rank	Store	Address	# Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd.	872	Wes Snook	Link Associates
2	Dahl's	5003 E.P. True Pkwy WDM	826	Mark Pearson	West Side Kiwanis
3	Dahl's	3425 Ingersoll	773	Jeff Hudson	Downtown Kiwanis
4	Dahl's	4343 Merle Hay Road	669	Kenny Kane	Ron Stoen
5	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st, WDM	567	Mark Luke	Bob and Jan Schulte
6	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas	469	Josh Asche	Larry Hamlin
7	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	421	Jamie Stephens	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
8	Dahl's	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	321	Joe McDonald	John Young/Ron Stoen
9	Dahl's	1819 Beaver	302	Dave Wilson	Golden K Kiwanis
10	Hy-Vee	7101 University	300	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
11	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	297	Tony Taylor	West Side Kiwanis
12	Dahl's	1208 Prospect, WDM	262	Kevin Helm	Jack Kiburz
13	Dahl's	8700 Hickman	224	Pat Childress	Liz Coffman
14	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	212	John Cramer	Larry Hamlin
15	Dahl's	1802 N. Ankeny Blvd.	195	Paul Johnson	Amy Tournier
16	Dahl's	4121 Fleur Drive	195	Mike Hixon	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
17	Dahl's	3400 E. 33rd	148	Lyle Ellenwood	Link Associates
18	Fareway	100 E. Euclid	140	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
19	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	103	Andy Streit	Chris Burch
20	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	102	Jim Carney	John Young/Ron Stoen
21	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	100	Kevin McCormick	West Side Kiwanis
22	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	100	Wil Golberg	Link Associates
23	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordon Creek, WDM	57	Gregg Hull	Jack Kiburz
24	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	52	Ryan Roberts	Link Associates
25	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK	42	Brian Hixon	Paul Benson
26	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	36	Rod Burns	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
27	Dahl's	1320 E. Euclid	35	Jim Martin	Link Associates
28	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	31	Doug Haugland	Link Associates
29	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	15	Dave Eisentrager	Amy Tournier

Damaged items for January, 2012 = 1222

362 Hy-Vee, East Euclid
 774 Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek
 86 Fareway, East Euclid

Mike Kueney, Store Director
 Gregg Hull, Store Director
 Nick Greiner, Store Director

Link Associates
 Jack Kiburz
 Link Associates

Five Year History of Red Barrel Collections

Month	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Cash
Jan.	9,123	11,091	8,892	7,848	9,826	\$150.00
Feb	7,760	10,719	9,015	9,102		
March	10,048	11,666	10,637	9,398		
April	9,552	12,649	8,866	10,837		
May	7,869	9,542	7,015	9,580		
June	9,214	10,026	11,009	7,334		
July	7,070	8,073	9,172	7,970		
Aug	8,310	8,471	8,779	8,848		
Sept	8,355	8,625	7,740	8,419		
Oct	14,506	13,106	12,589	13,112		
Nov	17,338	14,000	11,586	14,267		
Dec	15,275	11,961	12,933	18,362		
TOTAL	124,420	129,929	117,802	124,638		

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN JAN. = 710

Top Ten Stores:

- 136 – Hy-Vee, Ankeny
- 93 – Dahl's, E.P. True, WDM
- 71 – Dahl's, Ingersoll
- 52 – Dahl's, Merle Hay Road
- 51 – Hy-Vee, S. 51st Street, WDM
- 33 – Dahl's, Johnston
- 31 – Hy-Vee, Douglas, Urbandale
- 25 – Hy-Vee, 35th St., WDM
- 25 . Dahl's, Hickman, Clive
- 24 . Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights