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DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL RED BARREL NEWS

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DMARC JOINS DOWNTOWN KIWANIS CLUB



President Becky Gruening installs John Robinson as Kiwanis member.

Des Moines, IA—As an organization, the Des Moines Area Religious Council has had a long-standing relationship with local Kiwanis clubs. Kiwanians were some of the first to recognize the need for a food pantry here in the Des Moines area. In December of 1982, the food pantry began operation as part of DMARC with the help of Duke Holst, a well-know Kiwanian and its first president. In 1986, local clubs raised

\$30,000 to build DMARC's first permanent food pantry warehouse on 36th Street. And in April of 1990, the inception of the Red Barrel program came about as a result of local Kiwanis clubs placing barrels in neighboring grocery stores, collecting their contents, and sorting them at the warehouse. With DMARC's move to the downtown area this past February and its ever-expanding presence in the Western Gateway, it seemed fitting that the two organizations long-standing relationship should be officially consummated with DMARC's corporate membership in the Downtown Kiwanis Club. Red Barrel Coordinator John E. Robinson was officially installed as the DMARC representative to the Des Moines Kiwanis on November 12th at the downtown Holiday Inn. He will serve on several committees for the organization.

NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR'S DESK



This Thanksgiving, many of us will no doubt be sitting down to dinner with family and friends and enjoying the fruits of our labor as we remember all the things we have to be thankful for. For many families here in Polk County, however, they will be dealing with a new set of struggles this year that they may not have had to face in the past. Some may be facing unemployment. Some, the death of a loved one or a debilitating health issue. Whatever the case, numbers confirm that nearly 2,700 new families here in the greater Des Moines area have had to rely on the help of the DMARC food pantry network for the first time to meet their basic needs this year. About 55,000 individuals in Polk County are currently food insecure. 1 in 5 of those individuals are children. The services we provide are instrumental in helping many of these struggling individuals and families get back on their feet again. Consider taking some time during this season of giving thanks to give back. To learn more about setting up a food drive or participating in a Red Barrel drive, give me a call at 515-277-6969 ext. 18 or email jrobinson@dmreligious.org — JR

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Des Moines, IA—On Tuesday, October 28th and Wednesday, October 29th, The Principal Volunteer Network held food drives at four different Hy-Vee and Dahl's Red Barrel locations collecting around 750 food items and nearly \$1,200.00 in monetary donations for the DMARC Food Pantry Network!



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Thank You to **The Pumpkin Ranch** of Winterset and over one dozen weekend Volunteers!



Together they helped bring nearly 1,000 decorative pumpkins (and a little holiday spirit) to the clientele of the DMARC Food Pantry Network!



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RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2014 = 8,056

Rank	Store	Address	Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Dahl's	3425 Ingersoll Ave.	945	Mark Pearson	Downtown Kiwanis
2	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st Street, WDM	776	Mark Luke	Bob and Jan Schulte
3	Dahl's	4343 Merle Hay Road	762	Kenny Kane	Ron Stoen
4	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny	594	Wes Snook	Link Associates
5	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas Ave.	453	Drew Holmes	Larry Hamlin
6	Dahl's	5003 E.P. True Pkwy WDM	381	Kevin Helm	Link Associates
7	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	373	Ryan Roberts	John Young/Ron Stoen
8	Dahl's	3400 E. 33rd Street	360	Steve Taylor	Link Associates
9	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK Blvd.	356	Brandon Williams	DMARC Staff
10	Hy-Vee	7101 University Ave.	349	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
11	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	335	Jamie Stephens	Denny Bradshaw
12	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordan Creek, WDM	301	Scott James	Harlan Thomas
13	Brick St. Market	114 Brick Street SE, Bondurant	276	Reenie Hogan	Connie Richards
14	Dahl's	8700 Hickman Rd.	226	Rick Lane	Liz Coffman
15	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	220	Dave Eisentrager	Larry Hamlin
16	Dahl's	1320 E. Euclid Ave.	163	Ryan Halverson	Link Associates
17	Fareway	100 E. Euclid Ave.	149	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
18	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	141	Brian Bieker	Link Associates
19	Dahl's	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	134	Joe McDonald	John Young/Ron Stoen
20	Dahl's	1208 Prospect, WDM	128	N/A	Joni Yeates
21	Dahl's	4121 Fleur Drive	122	Scott Hornberg	Denny Bradshaw
22	Dahl's	1819 Beaver Ave.	95	Tom Day	Golden K Kiwanis
23	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	89	Kim Cole	Chris Burch
24	Hy-Vee	2540 E. Euclid Ave.	85	Mike Kueny	Link Associates
25	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	83	Nate Fehl	Link Associates
26	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	64	Kevin McCormick	Link Associates
27	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	40	Jason Crocker	Denny Bradshaw
28	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	22	Doug Haugland	Link Associates
29	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	21	Rick Beckwith	Amy Tournier
30	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	13	Wil Golberg	Link Associates

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN OCT. = 635

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

- 85 - Hy-Vee, 51st & Mills Civic
- 61 - Dahl's, 50th & E.P. True
- 55 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road
- 48 - Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights
- 46 - Hy-Vee, 86th & Douglas
- 46 - Brick St. Market, Bondurant
- 37 - Hy-Vee, Fleur & McKinley
- 29 - Dahl's, 35th & Ingersoll
- 27 - Fareway, 86th & Meredith
- 26 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.

TOP THREE STORES FOR \$12 SACKS (12 ITEMS)

- 42 - Dahl's, 35th & Ingersoll
- 31 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 12 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road

DISCARDED ITEMS, OCT. = 2,149

Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek Scott James, Store Director Bob Schulte/Heidi Zlab	1,416
Gateway Market, Sherman Hill South Union Bakery Gateway Market Staff	706
Whole Foods, WDSM Michael Durr, Store Team Leader DMARC Warehouse Staff	(285 lbs. Produce)
Fareway, East Euclid Nick Greiner, Store Director Link Associates	19
Hy-Vee, East Euclid Mike Kueny, Store Director Link Associates	8
Hy-Vee, Johnston Ryan Roberts, Store Director John Young/Ron Stoen	0

FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF DISCARDS & RED BARREL COLLECTIONS

Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Cash
January	8,892	7,848	9,826	11,423	8,080	—
February	9,015	9,102	8,599	8,342	8,162	\$175.86
March	10,637	9,398	10,876	9,339	10,611	\$199.95
April	8,866	10,837	10,540	10,599	11,953	\$2,686.70
May	7,015	9,580	7,707	8,110	9,447	\$956.35
June	11,009	7,334	8,817	7,532	8,176	—
July	9,172	7,970	9,544	9,435	6,757	\$412.34
August	8,779	8,848	7,620	7,009	6,877	\$14.00
September	7,740	8,419	6,565	8,506	8,863	—
October	12,589	13,112	9,357	9,108	10,205	\$1787.74
November	11,586	14,267	13,157	11,307		
December	12,933	18,362	12,074	13,079		
TOTAL	117,802	124,638	114,682	113,789		