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DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL RED BARREL NEWS

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AARP: HUNGER TOP CONCERN FOR IOWANS



Real Possibilities

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NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR'S DESK



The warm weather here in central Iowa was nice while it lasted. Now it's actually beginning to feel like Fall. With the chill of Winter just around the corner, the Season of Giving that comes along with it is sure to be busier than ever this year. Recent cuts to the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) means more people than ever are going to begin to feel the pinch of hunger starting November 1st. Some will lose benefits altogether as the government tightens its belt. This means those of us who work to provide assistance to those in need are likely going to experience an increase in activity over the next few months—even beyond what we may have seen in the past during this time of the year. That means more clients and more donations as well. Luckily, progress on our new warehouse is moving along at a pace. If you are on Facebook, I encourage you to check out the photos of it online. Visit www.facebook.com/MoveTheFood to see the construction as it happens.—JR

FEATURED FOOD DRIVE



West Des Moines, IA—Throughout the month of October and until November 22nd, Supercuts of Central Iowa will sponsor a Red Barrel food drive at all three of their greater Des Moines area locations. In addition, customers who bring in 3 or more non-perishable food items will receive \$3 off their purchase at the salon. Locations include 650 S.50th Street, 1271 8th Street, and 9350 University Avenue, all in West Des Moines. The program was initiated by Chrissy Tworoger and owner/franchisee Brian Papenberg (pictured above).



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RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2013 = 8,506

Rank	Store	Address	Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Dahl's	3425 Ingersoll Ave.	832	Mark Pearson	Downtown Kiwanis
2	Dahl's	4343 Merle Hay Road	744	Dave Wilson	Ron Stoen
3	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	497	Ryan Roberts	John Young/Ron Stoen
4	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd.	415	Wes Snook	Link Associates
5	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st Street, WDM	367	Mark Luke	Bob and Jan Schulte
6	Dahl's	5003 E.P. True Pkwy WDM	346	Troy Bond	Link Associates
7	Hy-Vee	7101 University Ave.	342	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
8	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	312	Jamie Stephens	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
9	Dahl's	1208 Prospect, WDM	273	Kevin Helm	Paul Benson
10	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	238	Kim Cole	Chris Burch
11	Dahl's	3400 E. 33rd Street	228	Lyle Ellenwood	Link Associates
12	Dahl's	1819 Beaver Ave.	224	Jeff Hudson	Golden K Kiwanis
13	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	217	Dave Eisentrager	Larry Hamlin
14	Dahl's	1802 N. Ankeny Blvd.	179	Mike Lee	Amy Tournier
15	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas Ave.	162	Drew Holmes	Larry Hamlin
16	Dahl's	4121 Fleur Drive	150	Mike Hixon	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
17	Dahl's	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	149	Joe McDonald	John Young/Ron Stoen
18	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	138	Brian Hixon	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
19	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordon Creek, WDM	124	Jim Carney	Harlan Thomas
20	Dahl's	8700 Hickman Rd.	115	Pat Childress	Liz Coffman
21	Fareway	100 E. Euclid Ave.	112	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
22	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK Blvd.	102	Brandon Williams	Red Barrel Coordinator
23	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	58	Wil Golberg	Link Associates
24	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	55	Doug Haugland	Link Associates
25	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	42	Tony Taylor	Link Associates
26	Dahl's	1320 E. Euclid Ave.	32	Jim Martin	Link Associates
27	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	25	Store Director	Amy Tournier
28	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	16	Kevin McCormick	Link Associates
29	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	10	Doug Dop	Link Associates

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN SEPTEMBER = 415

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

- 43 - Hy-Vee, 51st & Mills Civic
- 35 - Dahl's, 35th & Ingersoll
- 33 - Hy-Vee, 4707 Fleur Drive
- 28 - Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights
- 28 - Dahl's, 50th & E.P. True
- 27 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road
- 26 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 18 - Dahl's, 86th & Hickman
- 16 - Fareway, 86th & Meredith
- 13 - Dahl's, NW 86th, Johnston

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

- 40 - Dahl's, 35th & Ingersoll
- 19 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road
- 16 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 8 - Dahl's, 50th & E.P. True
- 8 - Dahl's, 4121 Fleur Drive

DAMAGED ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER = 2002

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

1823

Fareway, East Euclid
Nick Greiner, Store Director
Link Associates

89

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		
November	14,000	11,586	14,267	13,157		
December	11,961	12,933	18,362	12,074		
TOTAL	129,929	117,802	124,638	114,682		