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# DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL RED BARREL NEWS

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## UNITYPOINT DELIVERS DIAPER DONATIONS



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## FOOD DRIVE SPOTLIGHT



Des Moines, IA—Thousands of volunteers came together to package 4.3 million meals for Meals From the Heartland’s annual Fight Hunger at Hy-Vee Hall from August 27th to the 30th this year. Volunteers also collected food donations for DMARC’s Food Pantry Network bringing in nearly 2,000 food items. On September 4th, DMARC picked up 23,000 Mac & Cheese meals and 14,000 Rice-Soy meals from the organization to distribute amongst the 12 pantry sites throughout the area. Other efforts this past month included a drive from the Veteran’s Administration of Central Iowa Health Services which netted just over 1500 food items, 165 pounds of produce, and over 150 personal care items; and a food drive from Gentiva Home Health Services which brought in about 700 food items.

## NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR’S DESK



Is it Fall already? If you went outside in the last week or so, you would think it was. Wow. How quickly the temperatures change around here—folks are already donning hoodies and breaking out the firewood. You gotta love this Iowa weather. That hasn’t slowed down our produce donations, though. More than ever, we are seeing record numbers of fresh fruits and vegetables coming through our warehouse from community gardens and individuals alike. And the vendors from the downtown farmer’s market have now provided us with over 33,000 pounds of fresh produce! (Remember: They’ll still be open through October 25th.) Meanwhile, Hy-Vee’s Colossal Cookie Sale benefitting DMARC is still running through the 22nd of this month—so get out and buy some cookies! I can’t think of a better way to support a cause. Can you? Lastly, I want to remind everyone that next month is national Make A Difference Day on October 25th, sponsored by USA Weekend. If you’re looking for a Fall service project, call me! Youth groups, students, and civic organizations are always needed for food drives. — JR



**SATURDAY — OCTOBER 25, 2014**

You can help by sponsoring a Food Drive near you!  
Find out how by contacting Food Drive Coordinator  
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## RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 2014 = 6,877

Rank	Store	Address	Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Dahl's	3425 Ingersoll Ave.	867	Mark Pearson	Downtown Kiwanis
2	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny	550	Wes Snook	Link Associates
3	Hy-Vee	7101 University Ave.	419	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
4	Dahl's	4343 Merle Hay Road	403	Kenny Kane	Ron Stoen
5	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas Ave.	369	Drew Holmes	Larry Hamlin
6	Dahl's	5003 E.P. True Pkwy WDM	348	Kevin Helm	Link Associates
7	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	303	Kevin McCormick	Link Associates
8	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	274	Ryan Roberts	John Young/Ron Stoen
9	Brick St. Market	114 Brick Street SE, Bondurant	247	Reenie Hogan	Connie Richards
10	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	244	Dave Eisentrager	Larry Hamlin
11	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st Street, WDM	203	Mark Luke	Bob and Jan Schulte
12	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	199	Jamie Stephens	Denny Bradshaw
13	Dahl's	1819 Beaver Ave.	194	Tom Day	Golden K Kiwanis
14	Dahl's	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	176	Joe McDonald	John Young/Ron Stoen
15	Dahl's	8700 Hickman Rd.	165	Rick Lane	Liz Coffman
16	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	163	Kim Cole	Chris Burch
17	Dahl's	3400 E. 33rd Street	155	Justin Martin	Link Associates
18	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK Blvd.	145	Brandon Williams	DMARC Staff
19	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordon Creek, WDM	117	Scott James	Harlan Thomas
20	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	104	Doug Haugland	Link Associates
21	Dahl's	4121 Fleur Drive	96	Scott Hornberg	Denny Bradshaw
22	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	62	Wil Golberg	Link Associates
23	Dahl's	1208 Prospect, WDM	56	Store Director	Joni Yeates
24	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	48	Jason Crocker	Denny Bradshaw
25	Dahl's	1320 E. Euclid Ave.	14	Ryan Halverson	Link Associates
26	Fareway	100 E. Euclid Ave.	12	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
27	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	3	Nate Fehl	Link Associates
28	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	0	Brian Bieker	Link Associates
29	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	0	Rick Beckwith	Amy Tournier

### HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN AUGUST = 418

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

- 41 - Brick St. Market, Bondurant
- 32 - Dahl's, 50th & E.P. True
- 30 - Dahl's, 35th & Ingersoll
- 29 - Hy-Vee, 86th & Douglas
- 28 - Hy-Vee, 51st & Mills Civic
- 26 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 26 - Hy-Vee, Fleur & MicKinley
- 26 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road
- 18 - Dahl's, Beaverdale
- 18 - Fareway, 86th & Meredith

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

- 38 - Dahl's, 35th & Ingersoll
- 18 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 11 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road

### DISCARDED ITEMS, AUGUST = 941

Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek Scott James, Store Director Bob Schulte/Heidi Zlab	454
Gateway Market, Sherman Hill South Union Bakery Gateway Market Staff	176
Whole Foods, WDSM Michael Durr, Store Team Leader DMARC Warehouse Staff	117
Hy-Vee, Johnston Ryan Roberts, Store Director John Young/Ron Stoen	116
Hy-Vee, East Euclid Mike Kuery, Store Director Link Associates	50
Fareway, East Euclid Nick Greiner, Store Director Link Associates	28

### FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF 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		
October	12,589	13,112	9,357	9,108		
November	11,586	14,267	13,157	11,307		
December	12,933	18,362	12,074	13,079		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117,802</b>	<b>124,638</b>	<b>114,682</b>	<b>113,789</b>		