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Iowa Juneteenth Observance

Join us for Neighbors Day!
Saturday, June 20th—Noon to 6 p.m.
Evelyn K. Davis Park, 1400 Forest Avenue

The event features live entertainment, pony rides, family games, food vendors, and over 50 business, education, health, and political outreach booths.

This event is always open to the public and there is no charge for attendance!

Students from Roosevelt High School and IJO's Youth Outreach Program (YEP!) will be collecting food donations for DMARC as part of the event.



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DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL RED BARREL NEWS

A Monthly Publication of the DMARC Food Pantry Network

JUNE 2015

COMBO OF INCREASED NEED AND 'SUMMER SLUMP' STRETCHES RESOURCES FOR DMARC



The new Polk County River Place Food Pantry is open 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. It's located at 2309 Euclid Avenue.

Des Moines, IA—The traditional drop in food donations and other giving that occurs this time every year has marginally affected DMARC's food supply in recent months. This comes at a time when the organization is seeing a 7% increase in use amongst new clientele across the network just within the last few months. That number jumps to 16% when you consider how many clients were served at this time last year. "Since we opened the new River Place Food Pantry location in March we've seen an influx of new clients that have never been served," said Food Pantry Director Rebecca Whitlow. "Seventy-five percent of the clients we serve there are brand new to the system. And over twenty percent of them are elderly. These are folks that, for whatever reason, have been unable to utilize our network before due to mobility issues. The fact that the Des Moines Area Regional Transit (DART) bus stops right in front of the new facility makes it that much more convenient."

The "summer slump" is not new to DMARC and can be tracked to about the same time every year right before the fresh produce donations start rolling in. "July is one of our biggest months for donations during the summer," said Whitlow. "It's a good time to remind people that Hunger is a year-round issue. And fresh vegetables from people's gardens will go a long way to help combat it."

NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR'S DESK



"How's my driving?" We've all seen those bumper stickers before, right? Well, I would like to know how I'M doing. And I need YOUR feedback. What do you like about the Red Barrel program? What do you dislike about it? What could we be doing differently? These are things that I would like to know in order to better serve the needs of our volunteers, partners, and (most importantly) our clients. Do you have an AWESOME idea for a food drive or fundraising opportunity? Tell me about it! I want to hear your ideas. Anything we can do to keep the public aware of the year-round issue of Hunger and help people in the process is okay by me. Send me your suggestions via email at jrobinson@dmarcunited.org or text me at (515) 664-0394 — JR

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Ankeny, Iowa—Brother and sister duo Justin and Elsa Gustafson of Ankeny conducted a Sack Saturday food drive on May 2nd at the Prairie Trail Hy-Vee, located on the corner of S.E. State Street and Oralabor Road, as part of their elementary school's citizenship project. Together, they collected about \$200.00 worth of food and money donations.

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RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 2015 = 4,677

| Rank | Store | Address | Collected | Store Director | Volunteer Collector |
|------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Hy-Vee | 550 S. 51st Street, WDM | 740 | Mark Luke | Harlan Thomas |
| 2 | Hy-Vee | 410 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny | 667 | Wes Snook | Link Associates |
| 3 | Hy-Vee | 1990 Grand, WDM | 381 | Kim Cole | Chris Burch |
| 4 | Price Chopper | 3425 Ingersoll Ave. | 358 | Mark Pearson | Downtown Kiwanis |
| 5 | Hy-Vee | 7101 University Ave. | 292 | Matt Heldenbrand | Chris Burch |
| 6 | Fareway | 100 E. Euclid Ave. | 291 | Nick Greiner | Link Associates |
| 7 | Price Chopper | 4343 Merle Hay Road | 280 | Kenny Kane | Ron Stoen |
| 8 | Price Chopper | 1819 Beaver Ave. | 272 | Tom Day | Golden K Kiwanis |
| 9 | Hy-Vee | 8601 Douglas Ave. | 188 | Drew Holmes | Larry Hamlin |
| 10 | Brick St. Market | 114 Brick Street SE, Bondurant | 180 | Reenie Hogan | Connie Richards |
| 11 | Fareway | 8450 Meredith Drive | 160 | Dave Eisentrager | Larry Hamlin |
| 12 | Hy-Vee | 4707 Fleur Drive | 133 | Jamie Stephens | Denny Bradshaw |
| 13 | Price Chopper | 5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston | 132 | Joe McDonald | John Young/Ron Stoen |
| 14 | Hy-Vee | 1700 35th Street, WDM | 126 | Brian Bieker | Link Associates |
| 15 | Hy-Vee | 1725 Jordan Creek, WDM | 74 | Scott James | Bob and Jan Schulte |
| 16 | Hy-Vee | 5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston | 72 | Ryan Roberts | John Young/Ron Stoen |
| 17 | Hy-Vee | 2510 SW State Street, Ankeny | 71 | Kevin Hudachek | DMARC Staff |
| 18 | Hy-Vee | 3330 MLK Blvd. | 70 | Brandon Williams | DMARC Staff |
| 19 | Hy-Vee | 1107 Army Post Road | 66 | Jason Crocker | Denny Bradshaw |
| 20 | Fareway | 10151 University, Clive | 58 | Kevin McCormick | Link Associates |
| 21 | Cash Saver | 4121 Fleur Drive | 36 | Scott Hornberg | Denny Bradshaw |
| 22 | Fareway | 109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny | 19 | Doug Haugland | Link Associates |
| 23 | Fareway | 3205 N. Ankeny Blvd. | 10 | Rick Beckwith | Amy Tournier |
| 24 | Fareway | 3000 S.E. 22nd Street | 1 | Wil Golberg | Link Associates |
| 25 | Hy-Vee | 3221 S.E. 14th Street | 0 | Nate Fehl | Link Associates |

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN MAY = 307

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

- 48 - Hy-Vee, 51st & Mills Civic
- 36 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 30 - Brick St. Market, Bondurant
- 29 - Hy-Vee, Grand & Railroad
- 18 - Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights
- 18 - Price Chopper, Beaverdale
- 15 - Fareway, 86th & Meredith Dr.
- 12 - Hy-Vee, 86th & Douglas Ave.
- 12 - Price Chopper, Merle Hay Rd.
- 10 - Price Chopper, N.W. 86th St.

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

- 33 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 22 - Price Chopper, 35th & Ingersoll
- 8 - Price Chopper, Merle Hay Rd.

DISCARDED ITEMS, MAY = 2,500

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek Scott James, Store Director Staci Fanning/Heidi Zlab | 878 |
| Hy-Vee, MLK Brandon Williams, Store Director DMARC Warehouse Staff | 563 |
| Whole Foods, WDSM Michael Durr, Store Team Leader DMARC Warehouse Staff | 513 + 1,060 lbs. of produce |
| Hy-Vee, Johnston Ryan Roberts, Store Director John Young/Ron Stoen | 446 |
| Fareway, E. Euclid Nick Greiner, Store Director Link Associates | 100 |
| Gateway Market, Sherman Hill South Union Bakery Gateway Market Staff | 0 |

FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF DISCARDS & RED BARREL COLLECTIONS

| Month | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Money |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|------------|
| January | 7,848 | 9,826 | 11,423 | 8,304 | 8,811 | — |
| February | 9,102 | 8,599 | 8,342 | 8,527 | 7,991 | — |
| March | 9,398 | 10,876 | 9,339 | 10,932 | 8,012 | \$378.75 |
| April | 10,837 | 10,540 | 10,599 | 12,262 | 10,645 | \$1,907.80 |
| May | 9,580 | 7,707 | 8,110 | 10,943 | 7,177 | \$124.76 |
| June | 7,334 | 8,817 | 7,532 | 8,176 | | |
| July | 7,970 | 9,544 | 9,435 | 6,757 | | |
| August | 8,848 | 7,620 | 7,009 | 6,877 | | |
| September | 8,419 | 6,565 | 8,506 | 8,863 | | |
| October | 13,112 | 9,357 | 9,108 | 10,707 | | |
| November | 14,267 | 13,157 | 11,307 | 9,997 | | |
| December | 18,362 | 12,074 | 13,079 | 15,338 | | |
| TOTAL | 124,638 | 114,682 | 113,789 | 117,683 | | |