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SACK SATURDAYS TO BEGIN MONTHLY DATES



Des Moines, IA—As part of an ongoing effort to boost donations and (more specifically) Hunger Sack sales, the Red Barrel program will now host Sack Saturday events at various grocery store locations throughout the metro on a regular monthly schedule. Volunteer groups may still arrange their own Sack Saturday events on the dates of their choice, but a calendar of

pre-arranged dates has been set to allow those individuals looking for last-minute weekend service opportunities and those looking to fulfill service hour requirements from school or civic organizations the opportunity to volunteer without a lot of pre-planning. The next event is scheduled for **Saturday, November 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Hy-Vee on the corner of Fleur and McKinley on Des Moines' south side. Youth groups, civic organizations, fraternal organizations, school clubs, and fraternities and sororities are encouraged to contact DMARC about hosting and staffing one of the upcoming events. A minimum of 2 and no more than 6 volunteers is recommended per shift and each shift can be 1-2 hours (or more) in length depending on the number of volunteers available. During the event, volunteers set the Red Barrel up at the front of the store and encourage customers who enter to help fill it up by purchasing a pre-made Hunger Sack (at participating stores) or by shopping from a list of most-needed food items. Customers can also donate money, which will also be used by the DMARC food pantry network to purchase food at a bulk or discounted rate. The Red Barrel program began in Des Moines in April of 1990 as a result of local Kiwanis clubs' efforts. There are currently 25 permanent Red Barrel locations throughout the metro. Regular volunteers collecting for the Red Barrel program bring in a total of over 100,000 food items every year.

NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR'S DESK



Due to the loss of some of our Red Barrel locations in months prior, Hunger Sack sales and food donations overall are down so far this year. Please consider hosting a Sack Saturday event at a grocery store near you. You can contact me at the number to the right of this column or email me at jrobinson@dmarcunited.org. Thank You!! — JR

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The next Sack Saturday event will be at



**4707 Fleur Drive, Des Moines
on Saturday, November 14th
From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Other upcoming Sack Saturday dates:

December 12, 2015

January 16, 2016

February 13, 2016

March 12, 2016

April 16, 2016

May 14, 2016

June 11, 2016

*Hope for the Hungry:
2010-2015
and Beyond*

November 7, 2015 • 9 AM to 3 PM

World Food Prize Hall of Laureates,
100 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA

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• Current Hunger Issues

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RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 = 5,112

Rank	Store	Address	Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny	1600	Wes Snook	Link Associates
2	Price Chopper	1819 Beaver Ave.	369	Tom Day	Golden K Kiwanis
3	Price Chopper	3425 Ingersoll Ave.	363	Kenny Kane	Downtown Kiwanis
4	Hy-Vee	7101 University Ave.	324	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
5	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	246	Brian Bieker	NW Kiwanis
6	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st Street, WDM	237	Mark Luke	Harlan Thomas
7	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	225	Jamie Stephens	Denny Bradshaw
8	Brick St. Market	114 Brick Street SE, Bondurant	225	Reenie Hogan	Connie Richards
9	Price Chopper	4343 Merle Hay Road	217	Kenny Kane	Johnston Kiwanis
10	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas Ave.	214	Drew Holmes	Urbandale Kiwanis
11	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	184	Jason Crocker	Denny Bradshaw
12	Fareway	100 E. Euclid Ave.	179	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
13	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	159	Dave Eisentrager	Urbandale Kiwanis
14	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	103	Ryan Roberts	Johnston Kiwanis
15	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK Blvd.	85	Sailu Timbo	DMARC Staff
16	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	78	Kim Cole	Chris Burch
17	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	72	Nate Fehl	Link Associates
18	Cash Saver	4121 Fleur Drive	70	Scott Hornberg	Denny Bradshaw
19	Price Chopper	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	61	Joe McDonald	Johnston Kiwanis
20	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordan Creek, WDM	45	Scott James	Bob and Jan Schulte
21	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	24	Doug Haugland	Link Associates
22	Fareway	329 Grand Ave., WDM	15	Wil Goldberg	DMARC Staff
23	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	13	Todd Hynes	Link Associates
24	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	4	Kevin McCormick	Link Associates
25	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	0	Rick Beckwith	Amy Tournier

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN SEPT. = 266

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

- 46 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 37 - Brick St. Market, Bondurant
- 29 - Hy-Vee, 51st & Mills Civic
- 28 - Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights
- 20 - Hy-Vee, Fleur Dr. & McKinley*
- 20 - Fareway, 86th & Meredith Dr.*
- 14 - Hy-Vee, 86th & Douglas
- 11 - Price Chopper, Merle Hay Rd.
- 8 - Price Chopper, 35th & Ingersoll
- 5 - Hy-Vee, Grand & Railroad
- 3 - Price Chopper, N.W. 86th Street

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

- 22 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 18 - Price Chopper, 35th & Ingersoll
- 5 - Price Chopper, Merle Hay

** tied for fifth place*

DISCARDED FOOD, SEPT. = 3,490

Fareway, Valley Junction Will Goldberg, Store Director Bill Gentsch/DMARC Staff	1,299 food items
Whole Foods, WDSM Michael Durr, Store Team Leader DMARC Warehouse Staff	866 food items + 1,320 lbs./produce
Gateway Market, Sherman Hill South Union Bakery Gateway Market Staff	436 food items + 233.4 lbs./produce 135.3 lbs./meat
Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek Scott James, Store Director Staci Fanning/Heidi Zlab	418 food items
Hy-Vee, Johnston Darin Schoop, Store Director John Young, Johnston Kiwanis	396 food items
Hy-Vee, MLK Sailu Timbo, Store Director DMARC Warehouse Staff	75 food items

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	5,626	\$35.44
July	7,970	9,544	9,435	6,757	8,516	\$440.23
August	8,848	7,620	7,009	6,877	7,700	—
September	8,419	6,565	8,506	8,863	8,602	—
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		