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DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL RED BARREL NEWS

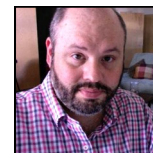
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PRODUCE DONATIONS RISE TO MEET DEMAND



Des Moines, IA—Produce donations to the food pantry network exceeded expectations once again this year as businesses redirected their surplus and local growers opened up their gardens and shared their bounties with friends and neighbors in need. In total, about 312,291 lbs.—or just over 156 tons—of fresh produce has moved through our warehouse doors since the beginning of this year. While much of that harvest came from produce distributors who work closely with DMARC, a large portion (about 42,484 lbs. worth) came from our Meals from the Market program via the Downtown Farmers' Market. So a big debt of gratitude is owed not only to all the market vendors who contributed produce on a weekly basis throughout the summer months and into the fall, but also to the hardworking volunteers who walked around and collected it all and loaded it onto our truck for delivery to the main warehouse. Thousands more pounds worth of donations came from community and church gardens like Agape out of Ankeny—who delivered a whopping 13,516 lbs. of produce—and small, school and youth-led project gardens like the one Community Youth Concepts maintains that managed to collect just over 200 lbs. of veggies this year. It is because of their efforts, and the efforts of volunteers like them, that DMARC has been able to keep up with the demand of the ever-growing population of clientele who are choosing to consume healthier and more nutritious food options.

NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR'S DESK



November is the month for giving thanks. So "Thank You!" to everyone who's helped us out this past year. We simply could not do what we do without your time, your kindness, and your generosity. I know this is supposed to be a time of reflection, but I'm already looking ahead to the spring. I know, I know—winter really hasn't even fully hit us yet. (But maybe if we start thinking warm now, we can weather what's headed our way a lot easier!) Anyway, think ahead to the spring with me. We're planning our second annual Spring Into Action drive for the week of April 10-16, 2016. This year, instead of one big one event, we're planning a series of smaller ones. If you know of any downtown businesses that would like to get involved, have them contact me. Or if you have ideas about a unique food drive or fundraising idea yourself, reach out to me! We want to create something unique that is fun and that the community will embrace. —JR

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The next **Sack Saturday** event will be at:



**1725 Jordan Creek Pkwy
in West Des Moines on
Saturday, December 12th
From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Other upcoming **Sack Saturday** dates:

January 16, 2016

February 13, 2016

March 12, 2016

April 16, 2016

May 14, 2016

June 11, 2016

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RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2015 = 5,625

Rank	Store	Address	Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny	847	Wes Snook	Link Associates
2	Price Chopper	3425 Ingersoll Ave.	655	Kenny Kane	Downtown Kiwanis
3	Brick St. Market	114 Brick Street SE, Bondurant	390	Reenie Hogan	Connie Richards
4	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st Street, WDM	384	Mark Luke	Harlan Thomas
5	Hy-Vee	7101 University Ave.	344	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
6	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	332	Brian Bieker	NW Kiwanis
7	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas Ave.	323	Scott James	Urbandale Kiwanis
8	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	268	Doug Haugland	Link Associates
9	Price Chopper	4343 Merle Hay Road	266	Kenny Kane	Johnston Kiwanis
10	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	247	Kim Cole	Chris Burch
11	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	243	Jamie Stephens	Denny Bradshaw
12	Price Chopper	1819 Beaver Ave.	230	Tom Day	Golden K Kiwanis
13	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	206	Dave Eisentrager	Urbandale Kiwanis
14	Fareway	100 E. Euclid Ave.	177	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
15	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordan Creek, WDM	161	Jason Sheridan	Bob and Jan Schulte
16	Price Chopper	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	117	Joe McDonald	Johnston Kiwanis
17	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	110	Ryan Roberts	Johnston Kiwanis
18	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK Blvd.	101	Sailu Timbo	DMARC Staff
19	Cash Saver	4121 Fleur Drive	69	Scott Hornberg	Denny Bradshaw
20	Fareway	329 Grand Ave., WDM	51	Wil Goldberg	DMARC Staff
21	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	50	Kevin McCormick	Link Associates
22	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	45	Jason Crocker	Denny Bradshaw
23	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	6	Nate Fehl	Link Associates
24	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	2	Rick Beckwith	Amy Tournier
25	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	1	Todd Hynes	Link Associates

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN OCT. = 369

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

- 65 - Brick St. Market, Bondurant
- 59 - Hy-Vee Windsor Heights
- 28 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 26 - Hy-Vee, 86th & Douglas
- 25 - Fareway, 86th & Meredith Dr.
- 22 - Hy-Vee, Fleur Dr. & McKinley
- 20 - Hy-Vee, Grand Ave. & Railroad
- 17 - Price Chopper, 35th & Ingersoll*
- 17 - Price Chopper, Merle Hay Rd.*
- 16 - Hy-Vee, S. 51st & Mills Civic
- 5 - Price Chopper, Beaverdale

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

- 37 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
- 20 - Price Chopper, 35th & Ingersoll
- 7 - Price Chopper, Merle Hay

* tied for eighth place

DISCARDED FOOD, OCT. = 3,850

Gateway Market, Sherman Hill South Union Bakery Gateway Market Staff	1,272 food items + 382.6 lbs./produce and 16 lbs./meat
Fareway, Valley Junction Will Goldberg, Store Director Bill Gentsch/DMARC Staff	1,137 food items
Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek Scott James, Store Director Staci Fanning/Heidi Zlab	693 food items
Hy-Vee, Johnston Darin Schoop, Store Director John Young, Johnston Kiwanis	520 food items
Whole Foods, WDSM Michael Durr, Store Team Leader DMARC Warehouse Staff	228 food items + 1,735 lbs./produce

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	9,475	\$216.02
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		