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DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL RED BARREL NEWS

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JUNETEENTH TO ENGAGE YOUTH; RAISE FOOD



Des Moines, IA—DMARC will once again partner with the organizers of Iowa’s Juneteenth Observance to engage youth volunteers by holding a food drive and bringing awareness to the issue of Hunger in the community. Business leaders from The Des Moines Urban Experience and two Burger King restaurants have created a promotion at the locations of 2222 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and 205 University Avenue, offering 20% off any meal with the donation of non-perishable food items. DMARC Red Barrels will be on site for the duration of the promotion which runs June 1st through the 18th. DMARC will also be on hand for Juneteenth’s Neighbors Day celebration at Evelyn Davis Park on Saturday, June 18th from Noon to 7:00 p.m. Youth volunteers will help by collecting donations and handing out coupons and activity books. Dating back to 1865, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. It is observed on June 19th in African-American communities throughout the country.



NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR’S DESK



Many people don’t realize this, but area Kiwanis clubs have been an integral part of DMARC’s evolution as a food pantry network provider since the very beginning. It was Kiwanis clubs that raised the money that built our very first food pantry warehouse back in 1986. And it was a Kiwanian that brought the idea of the Red Barrel program to Des Moines in 1990—a program that has continued for over 25 years! Last year, Kiwanis International celebrated its 100th anniversary. The downtown club itself is the third oldest club west of the Mississippi River. Today, Kiwanis’ global organization of volunteers is dedicated to improving the world one child, and one community, at a time from global initiatives like the Eliminate Project aimed at stamping out maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide to local projects like the Kiwanis Miracle League that gives kids of all stages and abilities the chance to play baseball. It is this kind of dedication to the community at large from volunteers like Kiwanis that sustains organizations like DMARC.— JR

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Above: Participants in the first annual Fleet Feet Sports “Run Your Can Off” relay race helped raise about \$225 worth of donations for the food pantry on Saturday, April 16th. The winners of the race received a pair of shoes courtesy of Brooks Running Shoes.

Below: Members of Cub Scout Pack 95 from Sacred Heart Parish collected nearly \$470 worth of food and money donations during their Sack Saturday event at the Mills Civic Hy-Vee in West Des Moines on April 16th.



CONFERENCE ON EARLY-CHILDHOOD BRAIN DEVELOPMENT FEATURING WIL BLECHMAN, MD



How does the brain develop and what impacts its ability to function well? How much of an impact does nutrition have on brain development in young children?

Join the Kiwanis Club of Des Moines (Downtown) as they host **Dr. Wil Blechman** to discuss nutrition, hunger and early childhood Brain development.

For complete information including topics and times, please visit www.downtowndesmoineskiwanis.org before May 24.

Registration is required for each event.

Questions? Contact Diana Sickles at dsickles4@gmail.com



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To volunteer for Sack Saturdays,
sign up online at <http://vols.pt/d9rk2W>

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RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 2016 = 7,824

Rank	Store	Address	Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Hy-Vee	7101 University Ave.	1225	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
2	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny	989	Wes Snook	Link Associates
3	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st Street, WDM	654	Mark Luke	Harlan Thomas
4	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK Blvd.	630	Sailu Timbo	DMARC Staff
5	Price Chopper	1819 Beaver Ave.	518	Tom Day	Golden K Kiwanis
6	Price Chopper	3425 Ingersoll Ave.	517	Scott Benter	Downtown Kiwanis
7	Fareway	100 E. Euclid Ave.	500	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
8	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	366	Kim Cole	Chris Burch
9	Price Chopper	4343 Merle Hay Road	356	Kenny Kane	Johnston Kiwanis
10	Brick St. Market	114 Brick Street SE, Bondurant	321	Reenie Hogan	Connie Richards
11	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	275	Jamie Stephens	Denny Bradshaw
12	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas Ave.	232	Scott James	Urbandale Kiwanis
13	Hy-Vee	2510 SW State St., Ankeny	173	Kevin Hudachek	<i>No permanent barrel</i>
14	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	172	Dave Eisentrager	Urbandale Kiwanis
15	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	155	Brian Bieker	NW Kiwanis
16	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	146	Darin Schoop	Johnston Kiwanis
17	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	122	Rick Beckwith	Amy Tournier
18	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordan Creek, WDM	82	Jason Sheridan	Bob and Jan Schulte
19	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	75	Kevin McCormick	Link Associates
20	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	68	Doug Haugland	Link Associates
21	Price Chopper	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	63	Joe McDonald	Johnston Kiwanis
22	Fareway	329 Grand Ave., WDM	50	Wil Goldberg	DMARC Staff
23	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	43	Steve Deutmeyer	Denny Bradshaw
24	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	42	Dan Anderson	Link Associates
25	Cash Saver	4121 Fleur Drive	31	Scott Hornberg	Denny Bradshaw
26	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	19	Todd Hynes	Link Associates

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN APRIL = 742

TOP 10 STORES FOR \$6 SACKS (6 ITEMS)

- 195 - Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights
- 105 - Hy-Vee, Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy
- 67 - Hy-Vee, S. 51st & Mills Civic Pkwy
- 61 - Brick Street Market, Bondurant
- 53 - Price Chopper, Beavertdale
- 45 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Boulevard
- 34 - Hy-Vee, Fleur Drive & Mickinley *
- 34 - Hy-Vee, Grand & Railroad *
- 31 - Price Chopper, Merle Hay Road
- 16 - Fareway, 86th & Meredith Drive
- 14 - Price Chopper, 35th & Ingersoll

TOP 3 STORES FOR \$12 SACKS (12 ITEMS)

- 31 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Boulevard
- 19 - Price Chopper, 35th & Ingersoll
- 12 - Price Chopper, Beavertdale

** tied for seventh place*

DISCARDED FOOD, APRIL = 3,203

Whole Foods, WDSM
Michael Durr, Store Team Leader 1,083 food items +
DMARC Warehouse Staff 1,900 lbs./produce

Gateway Market, Sherman Hill
South Union Bakery 922 food items +
Gateway Market Staff 28.0 lbs./meat

Hy-Vee, Johnston
Darin Schoop, Store Director 659 food items
John Young, Johnston Kiwanis

Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek
Jason Sheridan, Store Director 539 food items
Staci Fanning/Heidi Zlab

FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF DISCARDS & RED BARREL COLLECTIONS

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Money
January	9,826	11,423	8,304	8,811	9,093	\$229.91
February	8,599	8,342	8,527	7,991	7,396	\$143.97
March	10,876	9,339	10,932	8,012	8,314	\$97.25
April	10,540	10,599	12,262	10,622	11,027	\$1,148.49
May	7,707	8,110	10,943	7,210		
June	8,817	7,532	8,176	5,626		
July	9,544	9,435	6,757	8,516		
August	7,620	7,009	6,877	7,700		
September	6,565	8,506	8,863	8,602		
October	9,357	9,108	10,707	9,475		
November	13,157	11,307	9,997	7,573		
December	12,074	13,079	15,338	9,766		
TOTAL	114,682	113,789	117,683	99,904		