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DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL RED BARREL NEWS

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND IN JULY



10th Anniversary

Des Moines, Iowa—DMARC will make a return to the 80/35 Music Festival this year with a brand new tent and fun activities for passers-by and attendees including the popular MyPlate bag toss game, and food-related and hunger-themed trivia. The tent, which will be part of the Wells Fargo Community Village, will be set up next to other non-profit groups

on the east side of 13th Street between Locust Street and Grand Avenue just across from Ritual Café in the Western Gateway Park neighborhood. Participants may stop in while the Community Village is open from 4pm-7pm on Friday and 11am-7pm on Saturday. Volunteers who are interested in helping DMARC staff the tent at any time during the festival are encouraged to contact organizer John Robinson at (515)-664-0394 to arrange a shift. The two-day event, which is scheduled for July 7th and 8th, is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year. The festival, cleverly themed a “Fantastical Music Wonderland,” will once again feature regional and local acts scattered throughout the neighborhood on three stages as well as national acts including The Shins and MGMT who are slated to headline the festival on each of the two nights.

Following on the heels of the festival will be DMARC’s Thanksgiving in July Promotion, which will run from July 9th through the 22nd. Two Red Barrel Food drives are scheduled for Saturdays during the drive—including one at the Downtown Hy-Vee at Fourth & Court on July 15th. The other will take place the following Saturday at the West Lakes Hy-Vee at Jordan Creek Parkway and University in West Des Moines. Up to 12 volunteers are need to help staff each of the Red Barrel Drives which will run from 9am-3pm both days. Those interested in helping are encouraged to sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/wdffB4>

MORE FROM THE COORDINATOR’S DESK...



I can’t believe we are nearly half-way through the year already! July 2nd officially marks the 183rd day of the calendar. 2017 seems to be flying by so quickly. Warm weather is taking over and the first harvests from the community gardens that support us are finding their way to our doorsteps. What a great time of year! I hope you all have the opportunity to slow down a bit this summer and to take time and enjoy it. So many folks don’t get the luxury of doing so when they’re trying to feed themselves and their families. Some do, but may not have access to the kind of healthy foods their bodies need. But thanks to the efforts of folks like you, we’re making a dent. Keep those fresh produce donations coming. They truly are our most popular pantry items! — JR

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Johnston, Iowa—John Deere Financial staff held a coupon drive amongst their employees during the month of May. Using the coupons, they were able to purchase over 450 food items and personal items for the DMARC Food Pantry network. On top of that, they also collectively donated \$400.00 in cash.

Did You Know...

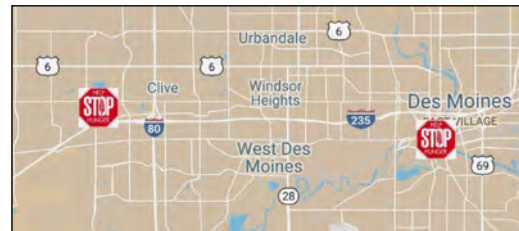
That, technically, the Watermelon is classified as a vegetable? According to the USDA, it received the classification because it is a member of the cucurbitaceae family (the family of gourds related to the cucumber, squash, and pumpkin) and because it is planted from seeds or seedlings, harvested, and then cleared from the fields like other vegetables.



JULY 9-22, 2017

Help #FillTheRedBarrel during Thanksgiving in July!

Downtown Hy-Vee
Saturday, July 15th—9am-3pm
West Lakes Hy-Vee
Saturday, July 22nd—9am-3pm



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RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 2017 = 5,664

| Rank | Store | Address | Collected | Store Director | Volunteer Collector |
|------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Hy-Vee | 550 S. 51st Street, WDM | 1111 | Mark Luke | Harlan Thomas |
| 2 | Hy-Vee | 8601 Douglas Ave. | 548 | Scott James | Urbandale Kiwanis |
| 3 | Hy-Vee | 7101 University Ave. | 435 | Jeff Osborn | Chris Burch |
| 4 | Hy-Vee | 1990 Grand, WDM | 430 | Kim Cole | Chris Burch |
| 5 | Fareway | 100 E. Euclid Ave. | 348 | Nick Greiner | Link Associates |
| 6 | Hy-Vee | 410 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny | 310 | Joel Flug | Link Associates |
| 7 | Hy-Vee | 4707 Fleur Drive | 282 | Ryan Roberts | Link Associates |
| 8 | Price Chopper | 4343 Merle Hay Road | 257 | Chris Mathias | Johnston Kiwanis |
| 9 | Hy-Vee | 1700 35th Street, WDM | 252 | Brian Bieker | NW Kiwanis |
| 10 | Hy-Vee | 5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston | 252 | Ray Doughan | Johnston Kiwanis |
| 11 | Brick St. Market | 114 Brick Street SE, Bondurant | 251 | Reenie Hogan | Connie Richards |
| 12 | Fareway | 8450 Meredith Drive | 212 | Dave Eisentrager | Urbandale Kiwanis |
| 13 | Price Chopper | 1819 Beaver Ave. | 168 | Crystal Anderson | Golden K Kiwanis |
| 14 | Gateway Market | 2002 Woodland Ave. | 168 | David Clemens | Rhonda Fingerman |
| 15 | Fareway | 329 Grand Ave., WDM | 157 | Wil Goldberg | Link Associates |
| 16 | Price Chopper | 3425 Ingersoll Ave. | 150 | Scott Benter | Downtown Kiwanis |
| 17 | Hy-Vee | 3330 MLK Blvd. | 90 | Aron Barwick | DMARC Staff |
| 18 | Price Chopper | 5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston | 80 | Tom Day | Johnston Kiwanis |
| 19 | Hy-Vee | 1107 Army Post Road | 53 | Steve Deutmeyer | Link Associates |
| 20 | Fareway | 3205 N. Ankeny Blvd. | 39 | Rick Beckwith | DMARC Staff |
| 21 | Cash Saver | 4121 Fleur Drive | 27 | Al Cole | Link Associates |
| 22 | Hy-Vee | 1725 Jordan Creek, WDM | 25 | Jason Sheridan | Bob & Jan Schulte |
| 23 | Fareway | 6005 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston | 18 | Paul Vogtlin | Johnston Kiwanis |
| 24 | Fareway | 109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny | 1 | Doug Haugland | Link Associates |
| 25 | Hy-Vee | 2510 SW State St, Ankeny | 0 | Kevin Hudachek | DMARC Staff |
| 26 | Hy-Vee | 3221 S.E. 14th Street | 0 | Dan Anderson | Link Associates |
| 27 | Hy-Vee | 420 Court Avenue | 0 | Marcie McCauslin | NEW LOCATION! |
| 28 | Fresh Thyme Market | 2900 University Ave, WDM | 0 | Steve Bourbon | Mallory Crain |
| 29 | Fareway | 3000 S.E. 22nd Street | 0 | Todd Hynes | Link Associates |
| 30 | Fareway | 10151 University, Clive | 0 | Kevin McCormick | Link Associates |

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN MAY = 349

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

- 126 - Hy-Vee, 51st & Mills Civic Parkway
- 41 - Brick Street Market, Bondurant
- 37 - Hy-Vee, Grand Avenue & Railroad
- 33 - Hy-Vee, 86th & Douglas Avenue
- 26 - Fareway, 86th & Meredith Drive
- 17 - Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights
- 17 - Hy-Vee, Fleur Drive & McKinley
- 14 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Boulevard
- 12 - Price Chopper, Merle Hay Road
- 10 - Price Chopper, 35th & Ingersoll

TOP STORE FOR \$12 SACKS (12 ITEMS)

- 10 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Boulevard

DISCARDED FOOD IN MAY = 9,325

- Walmart, Grimes**
Collected by DMARC Staff:
2,348 food items, 3,528.7 lbs./produce, + 1,005.4 lbs./meat
- Hy-Vee Fulfillment Center**
Collected by DMARC Staff:
2,285 food items + 103.0 lbs./meat
- Whole Foods, WDSM—Michael Durr, Team Leader**
Collected by DMARC Staff:
760 food items, + 849.9 lbs./produce
- Gateway Market—David Clemens, Director**
Collected by Gateway Market Staff:
1,520 food items
- Hy-Vee, Downtown—Marcie McCauslin, Store Director**
Collected by DMARC Staff:
1,054 food items
- Dollar General, Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.**
Collected by DMARC Staff:
457 food items
- Hy-Vee, Urbandale—Scott James, Store Director**
Collected by DMARC Staff:
410 food items
- ALDI, SE14th, Des Moines—Jamie Hoff, Manager**
Collected by DMARC Staff:
277 food items
- Hy-Vee, West Lakes—Jason Sheridan, Store Director**
Collected by Heidi Zlab & Staci Fanning:
214 food items

FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF DISCARDS & RED BARREL COLLECTIONS

| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Money |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------|----------|
| January | 11,423 | 8,304 | 8,811 | 9,093 | 14,138 | \$51.00 |
| February | 8,342 | 8,527 | 7,991 | 7,396 | 15,476 | \$46.00 |
| March | 9,339 | 10,932 | 8,012 | 8,314 | 14,402 | \$0.00 |
| April | 10,599 | 12,262 | 10,622 | 11,027 | 16,470 | \$141.86 |
| May | 8,110 | 10,943 | 7,210 | 8,586 | 14,989 | \$2.00 |
| June | 7,532 | 8,176 | 5,626 | 8,253 | | |
| July | 9,435 | 6,757 | 8,516 | 7,105 | | |
| August | 7,009 | 6,877 | 7,700 | 7,002 | | |
| September | 8,506 | 8,863 | 8,602 | 7,044 | | |
| October | 9,108 | 10,707 | 9,475 | 8,186 | | |
| November | 11,307 | 9,997 | 7,573 | 10,526 | | |
| December | 13,079 | 15,338 | 9,766 | 12,292 | | |
| TOTAL | 113,789 | 117,683 | 99,904 | 104,824 | | |