



Des Moines Area Religious Council RED BARREL NEWSLETTER

JULY, 2009

CHILD FOOD INSECURITY

Food insecurity is defined as the lack of access at times to enough food for an active, healthy life; or limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. In Iowa the food insecurity rate for adults is 11.7% and 17.9% for children. For those children under five in Iowa, the rate is 18.8%.

A recent report entitled *Child Food Insecurity: the Economic Impact on Our Nation*, details the economic effect of child hunger in the United States. It articulates the lifelong consequences child food insecurity has on individuals and families. The report states that the U.S. economy is losing its competitive edge to countries doing a better job of addressing nutrition and food insecurity in preparing children to learn and achieve their full potential.

"Child hunger is robbing us of the best of America's imagination and ingenuity," said the report's author, John Cook, Ph.D., of the Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine, a nationally-recognized expert on child hunger. "Sustainable economic recovery depends on freeing children of the burden of hunger and malnutrition and supporting their optimal growth and development. The impact of child hunger is more far reaching than one might anticipate. Child food insecurity creates billions of dollars in costs to our society. Child hunger affects a child's health, education and job readiness," said Cook.

Through the nine Food Pantries supported by the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry Warehouse, those who are food insecure in the Des Moines Metro area have the opportunity to receive free of charge once a month a five-day supply of food. **Whether you are a store director, store employee, or a Red Barrel volunteer collector, you are an important link in a network that is working to eliminate the consequences of food insecurity.**

Matching Gifts

When you make a donation or provide volunteer service hours to DMARC, your company may match a percentage of your donation up to 100 percent or more. This means you could help double, and in some cases triple, the impact of your contribution. Matching gift forms are typically available through your employer's personnel office and may be sent with or after your donation. Please contact the DMARC office at 277-6969 to see if your company has a matching gift program.

Make A Difference Days – October 3rd and 10th

The Des Moines Area Religious Council Emergency Food Pantry will be celebrating Make A Difference Days on Saturday October 3rd and Saturday October 10th. The goal this year is to have Sack Saturdays take place at 10 stores on each of those Saturdays. Many store directors will soon be asked to host a Sack Saturday. In addition, many volunteers will be asked to sponsor Sack Saturday events in stores. Please consider how you might help to make a difference.



DMARC Emergency Food Pantry

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Executive Director:

Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice

Food Pantry Director:

James L. "Jim" Trotter

Red Barrel Coordinator:

Cindy Morton

277-6969 or 238-4593

Red Barrel collections for July, 2009 = 8,073 ITEMS

	Store	Address	# Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Dahl's	5003 E.P. True Pkwy WDM	860	Mark Pearson	West Side Kiwanis Members
2	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd.	764	Wes Snook	Katie Vacek
3	Dahl's	3425 Ingersoll	456	Pat Childress	Downtown Kiwanis Members
4	Dahl's	4343 Merle Hay Road	415	Lyle Ellenwood	Ron Stoen
5	Dahl's	1819 Beaver	402	Jim Hubbartt	Golden Circle Kiwanis Members
6	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st, WDM	390	Mark Luke	Bob and Jan Schulte
7	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	298	Jamie Stephens	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
8	Dahl's	4121 Fleur Drive	274	Joe McDonald	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
9	Dahl's	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	261	Kenny Kane	John Young
10	Dahl's	8700 Hickman	242	Kevin Helm	Liz Coffman
11	Hy-Vee	7101 University	239	Collin Venenga	Paul Benson
12	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas	235	Brett Bemser	Larry Hamlin
13	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	231	Randy Beimer	West Side Kiwanis Members
14	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	219	Andy Streit	Red Cronin
15	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	215	John Cramer	Larry Hamlin
16	Dahl's	1208 Prospect, WDM	203	Jeff Hudson	Jack Kiburz
17	Dahl's	1320 E. Euclid	190	Jim Martin	Link Associates
18	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	186	Ryan Roberts	Cindy Morton
19	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK	153	Josh Asche	Cindy Morton
20	Dahl's	3400 E. 33rd	153	Mike Hixon	Link Associates
21	Dahl's	1802 N. Ankeny Blvd.	92	Dave Wilson	Amy Tournier
22	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	88	Rod Burns	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
23	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	82	Kevin Mills	John Young
24	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	47	Doug Haugland	Katie Vacek
25	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	45	Will Goldberg	Cindy Morton
26	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordon Creek, WDM	29	Greg Hull	Jack Kiburz
27	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	6	Dave Eisentrager	Amy Tournier

Damaged/discarded items for July, 2009

590	Hy Vee	East Euclid	Mike Kueny	Link Associates
490	Hy Vee	1725 Jordon Creek, WDM	Greg Hull	Jack Kiburz
218	Fareway	100 East Euclid	Tom Ross	Link Associates
Total	1,298			

History of Red Barrel food collections # Food Items and damaged/discards

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Cash
Jan	12,200	12,411	9,662	9,123	11,091	\$ 1,050.00
Feb	14,300	9,463	9,832	7,760	10,719	596.54
Mar	12,275	11,171	11,930	10,048	11,666	2,030.76
April	13,921	9,292	10,353	9,552	12,649	1,309.09
May	11,043	8,557	9,054	7,869	9,542	1,462.83
June	9,711	9,322	9,933	9,214	10,026	1,910.20
July	9,612	7,979	9,063	7,070	8,073	1,303.61
Aug	9,150	7,467	8,054	8,310		
Sept.	11,574	7,788	6,979	8,355		
Oct.	20,032	25,712	19,995	14,506		
Nov	15,535	17,821	16,604	17,338		
Dec	15,979	14,011	13,135	15,275		
Totals	155,332	140,994	134,594	123,992		

559 \$5 Hunger Sacks sold, July, 2009

82	Hy-Vee Ankeny
58	Dahl's, EP True
56	Dahl's, Beavertdale
54	Dahl's Ingersoll
50	Dahl's Merle Hay
49	Hy-Vee, S. 51 st . WDM
41	Hy-Vee, Fleur Drive
36	Dahl's Johnston
29	Dahl's Hickman, Clive
23	Fareway, Meredith and Dahl's Fleur

\$10.00 Hunger Sacks Sold

June = 11
July = 40