



MEDIA RELEASE—Emergency Food Pantry to Benefit from Food Collection

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What: Emergency Food Pantry to Collect Food

When: Saturday, October 2nd, Saturday, October 9th, and Saturday October 16th

Where: Dahlø, Hy-Vee, and Fareway Stores

September 28, 2010 Volunteers will be accepting food and cash contributions at area grocery stores on October 2nd, 9th and 16th for the [Des Moines Area Religious Council's](#) Emergency Food Pantry. Participating stores include Dahlø Foods, Hy-Vee Food Stores and Fareway Stores in the Des Moines, West Des Moines and Ankeny. In all, 20 area stores will participate.

“This is the 16th Annual collection in celebration of Make a Difference Day in which we have been involved” said Elisabeth Ballstadt, DMARC Food Pantry Director. “And this year our need is greater as growing numbers of individuals seek help from the local food pantries.” Shoppers will be encouraged to purchase \$5.00 Hunger Sacks or make cash contributions. Shoppers may also purchase individual non-perishable items and place them in the familiar Red Barrels.

The [DMARC Emergency Food Pantry network](#) is the largest in Iowa, made up of a centralized warehouse and 11 partnering distribution sites. The DMARC Emergency Food Pantry network helps meet short-term food needs when families do not have enough to eat. Once each 30 days, families can receive a free, five-day supply of nutritionally balanced food. In 2009, DMARC assisted more than 11,600 different families in the Greater Des Moines community and provided the food equivalent of nearly 1.5 million meals.

[DMARC](#) is an interfaith organization with a membership of about 150 congregations from 10 faith traditions. Since 1952, DMARC exists to provide a common means of responding to basic

human needs and, in so doing, offers a context for interfaith dialogue, education, fellowship and support while serving as a liaison between member congregations and Greater Des Moines.

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Participating locations an event dates.

Core Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 2

Dahlø
1819 Beaver Avenue
Des Moines

Fareway
3000 S.E. 22nd Street
Des Moines

Fareway
8450 Meredith
Urbandale

Dahlø
4343 Merle Hay Road
Des Moines

Dahlø
5003 E.P. True
West Des Moines

Dahlø
1802 N. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny

Hy-Vee
410 N. Ankeny Blvd.
Ankeny

Hy-Vee
4707 Fleur Drive
Des Moines

Dahlø
8700 Hickman
Clive

Hy-Vee
8601 Douglas
Urbandale

Saturday, October 9:

Hy-Vee
2450 E. Euclid
Des Moines

Dahlø
1208 Prospect
West Des Moines

Dahlø
5440 N.W. 86th street
Johnston

Dahlø
4121 Fleur Drive
Des Moines

Hy-Vee
990 Grand Avenue
West Des Moines

Hy-Vee
725 Jordon Creek
West Des Moines

Hy-Vee
7101 University Avenue
Windsor Heights

Hy-Vee
1700 35th Street
West Des Moines

Hy-Vee
550 S. 51st Street
West Des Moines

Saturday, October 16:

Dahlø
3425 Ingersoll
Des Moines