



# Des Moines Area Religious Council RED BARREL NEWSLETTER

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## Hunger Issues in Iowa

A recent article in the *Des Moines Register* summarized a study on hunger conducted by the Iowa Policy Project, an Iowa City think tank. The study concluded that the number of Iowa residents suffering from hunger issues has grown to 382,500 or 12.8 percent of the state's population. The article, written by Associated Press reporter Mike Glover, went on to note that the notion that unemployment is the cause of hunger was not necessarily the case. "About 38 percent of food pantry clients nationally and 47.5 percent in Iowa came from a household in which at least one adult was employed" the study found.

Concerns were expressed by the authors of the study that food security programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, and other related nutrition programs are likely to be victims of budget cuts as Congress seeks ways to reduce the federal deficit.

The study concluded by saying "Absent an economic turnaround – meaning more and better paying jobs - both the nation's and Iowa's food-insecure population is likely to remain higher than historical levels. Coming federal budget cuts will make it increasingly difficult for emergency feeding organizations to help those that come to their door"

## Food Box Size Reduced

Due to increased demand at the 12 pantries in the DMARC Food Pantry Network and donations not keeping up with the number of families in need, the number of items received by families in a food box will be reduced. For example, a family of four would normally every 30 days receive a box of 55 food items that includes all the servings of the food listed on the USDA's "My Plate" program. Now, a family of four will receive a food box of 33 items. It is hoped that these reductions are only temporary. Other cost efficiency measures taken by the Food Pantry Network include streamlining food deliveries and food donation pick-ups in order to save on truck usage, staff and fuel costs.

## Good News

Red Barrel collections for the month of November totaled 14,267 food items. This is the highest number of food items received since December of 2008.

Thanks to the stores, their customers and all of the volunteers who helped make this happen. It couldn't have come at a better time!



**DMARC Emergency Food Pantry**  
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Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice  
**Food Pantry Director:**  
Elisabeth Ballstadt  
**Red Barrel Coordinator:**  
Cindy Morton  
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# RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER, 2011 = 14,267

Rank	Store	Address	# Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd.	2334	Wes Snook	Katie Vacek
2	Dahl's	1208 Prospect, WDM	941	Kevin Helm	Jack Kiburz
3	Dahl's	3425 Ingersoll	773	Jeff Hudson	Downtown Kiwanis
4	Dahl's	5003 E.P. True Pkwy WDM	770	Mark Pearson	West Side Kiwanis
5	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st, WDM	706	Mark Luke	Bob and Jan Schulte
6	Dahl's	1802 N. Ankeny Blvd.	629	Paul Johnson	Amy Tournier
7	Dahl's	1819 Beaver	620	Dave Wilson	Golden K Kiwanis
8	Dahl's	4343 Merle Hay Road	608	Kenny Kane	Ron Stoen
9	Hy-Vee	7101 University	572	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
10	Dahl's	3400 E. 33rd	550	Lyle Ellenwood	Link Associates
11	Dahl's	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	549	Joe McDonald	John Young
12	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	476	Jim Carney	John Young
13	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas	395	Josh Asche	Larry Hamlin
14	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	366	John Cramer	Larry Hamlin
15	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	316	Jamie Stephens	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
16	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordon Creek, WDM	305	Gregg Hull	Jack Kiburz
17	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	230	Andy Streit	Chris Burch
18	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	223	Wil Golberg	Cindy Morton/Paul Benson
19	Dahl's	4121 Fleur Drive	222	Mike Hixon	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
20	Dahl's	8700 Hickman	175	Pat Childress	Liz Coffman
21	Dahl's	1320 E. Euclid	169	Jim Martin	Link Associates
22	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	143	Ryan Roberts	Cindy Morton/Paul Benson
23	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	139	Collin Venenga	West Side Kiwanis
24	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	111	Kevin McCormick	West Side Kiwanis
25	Fareway	100 E. Euclid	101	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
26	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	79	Dave Eisentrager	Amy Tournier
27	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	66	Doug Haugland	Katie Vacek
28	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	57	Rod Burns	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
29	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK	57	Brian Hixon	Cindy Morton/Paul Benson
30	Hy-Vee	2450 E. Euclid	24	Mike Kueney	Link Associates

Damaged items for November 2011 = 1,561

574 Hy-Vee, East Euclid	Mike Kueney, Store Director	Link Associates
734 Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek	Gregg Hull, Store Director	Jack Kiburz
253 Fareway, East Euclid	Nick Greiner, Store Director	Link Associates

### Five Year History of Red Barrel Collections

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Cash
Jan.	9,662	9,123	11,091	8,892	7,848	\$95.00
Feb	9,832	7,760	10,719	9,015	9,102	\$1,850.36
March	11,930	10,048	11,666	10,637	9,398	\$602.99
April	10,353	9,552	12,649	8,866	10,837	\$1,630.34
May	9,054	7,869	9,542	7,015	9,580	\$385.45
June	9,933	9,214	10,026	11,009	7,334	\$858.82
July	9,063	7,070	8,073	9,172	7,970	\$823.41
Aug	8,054	8,310	8,471	8,779	8,848	\$395.49
Sept	6,979	8,355	8,625	7,740	8,419	\$384.28
Oct	19,995	14,506	13,106	12,589	13,112	\$4,954.05
Nov	16,604	17,338	14,000	11,586	14,267	\$1,152.20
Dec	13,135	15,275	11,961	12,933		
TOTAL	134,594	124,420	129,929	117,802		

### HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN NOV. = 865

Top Ten Stores Hunger Sack Sales:

- 222 – Hy-Vee, Ankeny
- 81 – Dahl's, E.P. True, WDM
- 69 – Hy-Vee, S. 51<sup>st</sup>, WDM
- 63 – Dahl's, Johnston
- 62 – Dahl's, Beaver Ave.
- 42 – Hy-Vee, Fleur Drive
- 33 – Fareway, Meredith, Urbandale
- 31 – Dahl's, Fleur Drive
- 29 – Dahl's, Hickman, Clive
- 26 – Dahl's, E. 33<sup>rd</sup> St.

Note: Of the 865 sacks sold in November, 93 were \$10.00 sacks.