



# Des Moines Area Religious Council RED BARREL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2011

## DMARC FOOD PANTRY NETWORK SERVING RECORD NUMBER OF FAMILIES

Below is a portion of a news release issued by DMARC on October 10<sup>th</sup> outlining the growing need for food assistance in Polk County. The entire text of the press release may be found at [www.Movethefood.org](http://www.Movethefood.org).

DES MOINES, Iowa (Oct. 10, 2011) ó The Des Moines Area Religious Council food pantry warehouse is being filled and emptied to the walls about twice each week, as the Council strives to meet growing needs for short-term food assistance in Polk County.

Even as record numbers of Iowans are receiving public food benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), DMARC is finding it a challenge to keep its [Food Pantry Network](#) warehouse stocked with enough food. Each week, about 20,000 purchased and donated food items arrive at the warehouse and are repackaged and transported to 12 metro-area pantries to provide over 26,000 meals for about 1,800 people.

Each year, DMARC provides short-term food assistance for about 30,000 people, including nearly 15,000 who are children or youth under the age of 25 years. Food requests in 2011 are on pace to be the highest ever, with 7% more people asking for help.

õWith poverty and unemployment rates at levels not seen in decades, DMARC's reserves are being severely taxed,õ said DMARC executive director, Sarai Rice. õWe have placed record-high food orders with our wholesale distributors in recent weeks and, with winter approaching, we need an influx of cash donations to continue to meet the unparalleled demand on our community's emergency food system,õ she continued.

Access the entire press release at [www.Movethefood.org](http://www.Movethefood.org)

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAYS UPDATE

So far in October, 15 Make A Difference Day Sack Saturdays have been held around the DM Metro area. Events will continue on October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. To date total food collections are 3,610 food items. In addition, \$2,765.00 has been collected in cash donations.

Thanks to all who have worked to make these events successful.

## WELCOME EVENTS

**Iowa Hospice Collection** - On Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, staff members from Iowa Hospice gathered at the Hy-Vee in Ankeny to collect food and cash for the 12 pantries in the DMARC Food Pantry Network. Their collection included 894 food items and \$384.00.

**Des Moines Running Club** óAlong with training for the Des Moines Marathon, members of the Des Moines Running Club have regularly been collecting food for the food pantries at their training runs and meetings. Along with running many training miles in preparation for the marathon, they collected 416 food items.



DMARC Emergency Food Pantry  
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**Executive Director:**  
Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice  
**Food Pantry Director:**  
Elisabeth Ballstadt  
**Red Barrel Coordinator:**  
Cindy Morton  
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# RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2011 = 8,419

Rank	Store	Address	# Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd.	1707	Wes Snook	Katie Vacek
2	Dahl's	4343 Merle Hay Road	684	Kenny Kane	Ron Stoen
3	Dahl's	5003 E.P. True Pkwy WDM	549	Mark Pearson	West Side Kiwanis
4	Dahl's	3425 Ingersoll	440	Jeff Hudson	Downtown Kiwanis
5	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	406	Jamie Stephens	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
6	Dahl's	3400 E. 33rd	336	Lyle Ellenwood	Link Associates
7	Dahl's	1819 Beaver	297	Dave Wilson	Golden K Kiwanis
8	Dahl's	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	292	Joe McDonald	John Young
9	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas	284	Josh Asche	Larry Hamlin
10	Hy-Vee	7101 University	226	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
11	Dahl's	1802 N. Ankeny Blvd.	202	Paul Johnson	Amy Tournier
12	Dahl's	4121 Fleur Drive	200	Mike Hixon	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
13	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	196	John Cramer	Larry Hamlin
14	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	176	Collin Venenga	West Side Kiwanis
15	Dahl's	8700 Hickman	175	Pat Childress	Liz Coffman
16	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st, WDM	162	Mark Luke	Bob and Jan Schulte
17	Dahl's	1208 Prospect, WDM	145	Kevin Helm	Jack Kiburz
18	Fareway	100 E. Euclid	144	Tom Ross	Link Associates
19	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	117	Andy Streit	Chris Burch
20	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	89	Kevin McCormick	West Side Kiwanis
21	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	76	Jim Carney	John Young
22	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	75	Ryan Roberts	Cindy Morton/Paul Benson
23	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	54	Rod Burns	Randy and Nicole Mitchell
24	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordon Creek, WDM	41	Gregg Hull	Jack Kiburz
25	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK	29	Brian Hixon	Cindy Morton/Paul Benson
26	Dahl's	1320 E. Euclid	17	Jim Martin	Link Associates
27	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	17	Doug Haugland	Katie Vacek
28	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	15	Dave Eisentrager	Amy Tournier
29	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	15	Wil Golberg	Cindy Morton/Paul Benson

Damaged items for Sept., 2011 = 1,253

241 Hy-Vee, East Euclid	Mike Kueney, Store Director	Link Associates
749 Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek	Gregg Hull, Store Director	Jack Kiburz
263 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		
Nov	16,604	17,338	14,000	11,586		
Dec	13,135	15,275	11,961	12,933		
TOTAL	134,594	124,420	129,929	117,802		

### HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN SEPT. = 544

Top Ten Stores Hunger Sack Sales:

- 115 - Hy-Vee, Ankeny
- 63 - Dahl's E.P. True, W.D.M.
- 61 - Hy-Vee, Fleur Drive
- 42 - Dahl's, Merle Hay
- 36 - Dahl's, Beaverdale
- 32 - Dahl's, Johnston
- 31 - Dahl's, Ingersoll
- 27 - Fareway, Meredith, Urbandale
- 24 - Hy-Vee, S. 51<sup>st</sup>, W.D.M.
- 21 - Hy-Vee, Douglas, Urbandale