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Arvest Bank presents nearly \$10,000 to Ozarks Food Harvest's Network on behalf of *1 Million Meals* campaign

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Arvest Bank announced last week that its first-ever initiative to fight hunger in the 90 communities it serves exceeded its goal of providing one million meals. Locally, Arvest raised enough food and funds to provide more than 40,000 meals to those in need.

President of Arvest Bank—Springfield, Rodney Shepard, presented **\$7,446.43** to Ozarks Food Harvest at The Food Bank in North Springfield today. An additional **\$1,647.88** was collected for one of The Food Bank's member agencies in Branson, Christian Action Ministries.

The Springfield and Joplin Arvest branches collected **5,568 pounds** of food items for Ozarks Food Harvest pantries and feeding sites in Springfield and Joplin.

Arvest Bank branches in the community collected donations from its customers, local residents and Arvest employees through in-branch fundraisers and food drives throughout April and May.

About Ozarks Food Harvest

Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America® food bank for southwest Missouri, serving more than 300 hunger relief organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The Food Bank reaches 20,000 individuals weekly and distributes nine million pounds of food annually. Ozarks Food Harvest has a 28-year history in southwest Missouri and has had nearly one dozen member food pantries and feeding sites in Joplin, and even more in Jasper County, assisting with Joplin tornado relief for months ahead. Ozarks Food Harvest was named the 2011 Small Business of the Year by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. Learn more at ozarksfoodharvest.org and at facebook.com/ozarksfoodharvest.

About Arvest

In 2011, Arvest celebrates its 50th year of providing financial solutions to its customers. Arvest Bank operates more than 230 bank branches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas through a network of 16 locally managed banks, each with its own local board of directors and management team. These locations service customers in 90 communities with 12-hour weekday banking at most locations. Arvest also provides a wide range of banking services including loans, deposits, treasury management, asset and wealth management, life insurance, credit cards, mortgage loans and mortgage servicing. Arvest is an equal housing lender and member FDIC.

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