



## Media Release

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### **Ozarks Food Harvest set to Check Out Hunger™**

SPRINGFIELD – Beginning Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, you can give a bit of hope to needy families in the Ozarks with \$1 donation at your local grocery store.

One of Ozarks Food Harvest's most recognizable fundraisers, Check Out Hunger™, gives Ozarkers a chance to add \$1 to their bill when checking out at local grocery stores throughout southwest Missouri.

The entire donation goes straight to The Food Bank, which will turn that \$1 into five pounds of food... enough food to supply a full meal for a family of five. In 2007, Check Out Hunger™ raised almost \$17,500.

This year, the stores participating in Check Out Hunger™ include Akins Health, Harter House, Murfin's Market, Ramey's Price Cutter, Summer Fresh Supermarkets, Woods Supermarkets, Smillie's, Dillons Supermarkets and Cody's Convenience Stores.

Locations of these stores are spread throughout The Food Bank's 29 county service area and include the greater Springfield metropolitan area, Lebanon, Hollister, El Dorado Springs, Joplin and many others.

The fundraiser will run throughout the holiday season, until December 31<sup>st</sup>, in an attempt to give as much help as possible to the 150,000 food insecure individuals in the Ozarks.

Ozarks Food Harvest works with more than 350 hunger relief organizations, reaching upwards of 41,000 people each month in 29 southwest Missouri counties. Ozarks Food Harvest distributes more than 5 million pounds of food annually to its network of agencies and offers direct relief through its Kids Cafe®, Food for Thought™, Club F.U.N.™ and Mobile Food Pantry™ programs.

For more information regarding Check Out Hunger™ and a list of cities with participating grocery stores, visit [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org) and [alice955.com](http://alice955.com), or contact Matt Petcoff with Ozarks Food Harvest at 417-865-3411.

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Transform Hunger into Hope™ at [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org)

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