



## Press Advisory

**EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE UNTIL  
Thursday, Oct. 8 at 10:00 a.m.**

(\*Media Note: In the past, when distributions have been announced beforehand, additional clients travel and wait in line for assistance. This particular distribution is for the residents of The South Towers–Senior Housing only. PLEASE DO NOT ANNOUNCE BEFORE DISTRIBUTION BEGINS. Thank you.)

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## Springfield Kraft Foods employees Volunteer at Ozarks Food Harvest during the company's first-ever global week of service

*Kraft volunteers to staff Mobile Food Pantry™ distribution in Springfield Thursday*

- WHAT:** Ozarks Food Harvest's Mobile Food Pantry™ program distribution to approximately 150 low-income seniors of The South Towers–Senior Housing in Springfield, Mo.
- WHERE:** The South Towers–Senior Housing, [770 South Ave.](#), Springfield, Mo. (Housing Authority–Springfield)
- WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.; OFH & Kraft to arrive at 9 a.m. for set-up, distribution begins at 10 a.m.

**SPRINGFIELD (Oct. 8, 2009)**—Local Kraft Foods employees have been volunteering at Ozarks Food Harvest since Monday as a part of the company's first-ever global week of service—"Make a Delicious Difference Week"—from Oct. 5–10; tomorrow the volunteers will distribute food from The Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry™ to nearly 150 seniors in need at The South Towers–Senior Housing in Springfield.

Distribution begins at 10 a.m. inside of the facilities [as opposed to directly from the truck due to forecasted weather conditions]. **\*Media Note: Media is encouraged to shoot footage of volunteers setting up distribution (9 a.m.), and can also shoot footage of seniors receiving assistance. The Food Bank's clients have not been asked to speak with the media, but Ozarks Food Harvest representatives can ask recipients tomorrow morning if they would be willing to speak to members of the media, if requested. Ozarks Food Harvest will have Media Release Agreements on hand for clients.**

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From Monday, Oct. 5 through Wednesday, Oct. 7, volunteers from Kraft Foods in Springfield accepted, sorted, inspected and repackaged **nearly 50,000 pounds** of donated food and supplies at Ozarks Food Harvest's warehouse located in the North Creek Business Park in North Springfield.

According to The Food Bank's public relations coordinator, Lindsey Neddenriep, the typical amount of donations processed by volunteers in one day is at maximum 5,000 pounds.

"Our volunteers from Kraft Foods this week have really put a dent in our holding area, where the food is stored immediately after The Food Bank receives it, but before it is processed for distribution to our 350 nonprofit hunger relief member organizations," said Neddenriep. "It has been amazing to see the total amount of food items and household supplies inspected, sorted and repackaged at the end of each day. On Monday, the group processed approximately 13,000 pounds, on Tuesday, 20,000 and around noon on Wednesday, another 13,000, totaling 46,000 pounds, and the week isn't over yet!"

"We are extremely grateful for our partnership with Kraft Foods who also makes regular donations to Ozarks Food Harvest," said Neddenriep. "This week has been such a blessing for our organization. Processing donations faster allows us to distribute more food to those who need it most right now."

Springfield Kraft Foods volunteers have also been creating hundreds of messages of hope for at-risk students who benefit from Ozarks Food Harvest's Weekend Backpack Program™ which delivers backpacks full of food to at-risk students each week for the entire school year. The notes will be placed inside the backpacks when volunteers fill them full of food.

"This is something new we're asking of our volunteers. It's just a simple way to let the hundreds of children who benefit from our Weekend Backpack Program™ know that someone cares about them and that they make a difference," said Neddenriep.

Friday is the last day for the volunteers to spend a full day in Ozarks Food Harvest's new Volunteer Services Center inspecting, sorting and packaging food donations into cases and onto pallets for bulk distribution.

Other local nonprofit organizations benefitting from Kraft Foods' week of volunteering include the Boys & Girls Club of Springfield, the Boys & Girls Town of Missouri, the Family Violence Center and the Regional Girls' Shelter, according to a news release distributed by Kraft Foods on Monday.

Globally, more than 10,000 Kraft Foods employees are participating in the week of service to fight hunger, promote healthy lifestyles and build stronger communities.

Ozarks Food Harvest dedicated its larger, more efficient distribution center on Sept. 15, 2009. It is the only food bank in southwest Missouri and serves more than 350 hunger relief organizations, reaching more than 55,000 people each month in 29 Ozarks counties. OFH distributed seven million pounds of food during its last fiscal year—the highest distribution in The Food Bank's 25-year history—made possible due to its network of charities and direct-relief programs such as the Weekend Backpack Program™, Kids Cafe® and the Mobile Food Pantry™ program. Learn more at [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org).

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For details regarding tomorrow's Mobile Food Pantry™ distribution, please call the OFH PR representative at the number listed above. Representatives from Kraft Foods will also be available for interview tomorrow morning.

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