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Golf Tournament to benefit The Food Bank's after-school feeding program *Joe Nakato Memorial Golf Tournament to be held at Millwood Golf Course, October 19th*

SPRINGFIELD, Mo – Nakato Japanese Steakhouse is hosting the 1st Joe Nakato Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit Ozarks Food Harvest's Kids Cafe® program Monday, October 19 at Millwood Golf Course.

The four person scramble will be held in honor of the late Joe Nakato of Springfield, Mo., owner of [Nakato Japanese Steakhouse](#). As avid supporters of The Food Bank's [Kids Cafe®](#) after-school feeding program, The Nakato Family is donating all proceeds from the tournament to Ozarks Food Harvest.

"The Nakato Family strongly advocates for our Kids Cafe® feeding program," says Bart Brown, Ozarks Food Harvest President/CEO, "their generous gifts of time, talent, and food have ensured that children in need receive warm, healthy meals when they would otherwise go home to empty plates. We are honored to be the recipients of this memorable occasion."

Registration for the tournament will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Registration fees are \$100 per player, including player gift bag and lunch provided by Millwood. In addition to the tournament, players can enter to win several raffle items with all proceeds benefitting [The Food Bank](#).

To register your team or participate as a sponsor, contact Debbie Hicks from Nakato Japanese Steakhouse at (417) 881-7171. [Directions to Millwood Golf Course](#).

Nakato Restaurant has been a family owned business for more than 30 years. Since 1995, The Nakato Family has been serving the families of Springfield, Missouri. Nakato's was the first of its kind in the Springfield area to introduce Japanese Teppan Yaki and Sushi. The Nakato family strives to offer delicious meals that the customers enjoy and hopes they come back for more. For more information, visit www.nakato.com or call (417) 881-7171.

Ozarks Food Harvest 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.

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