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St. Agnes Elementary wins school-year-long food drive

Combined, participating schools collect 46,815 pounds of food

SPRINGFIELD – After 8 months of collecting canned goods, St. Agnes Elementary School donated 5,738 pounds of food to Ozarks Food Harvest.

That total averaged out to more than 21 pounds per student and won St. Agnes the 2009 Food Drive Challenge Trophy.

All told, 46,815 pounds of food was collect during the 2008-2009 school year by 31 different elementary, middle and high schools in the greater Springfield area.

In celebration of their efforts, Ozarks Food Harvest will present the students at St. Agnes with their trophy this Friday, May 22nd. The trophy will stay at the school throughout the coming school year.

This is the first year Ozarks Food Harvest organized school food drives in the form of a year-long challenge and the participating schools responded in a resounding fashion. St. Agnes collected more than double what last year's largest school drive produced.

Friday's trophy presentation will take place **following** school mass at the St. Agnes Cathedral Catholic Church, located at 533 South Jefferson Avenue in Springfield, Missouri. Mass begins at 8:30 am and typically lasts one hour, meaning the trophy presentation should begin around 9:30 am.

Ozarks Food Harvest works with more than 350 hunger relief organizations, reaching upwards of 53,000 people each month in 29 southwest Missouri counties. Ozarks Food Harvest distributes more than seven 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.

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