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July 2004-June 2005

Ozarks Food Harvest

Serving the hungry in the Ozarks for
22 years by **empowering** and
educating those in need, and
enlightening our communities on
ways they can help end the solvable
social problem of hunger.

October 2005



Dear Friends of the Food Bank,

Last year, Americans threw away *96 billion pounds* of safe, wholesome food. Ozarks Food Harvest is the Food Bank that gives Southwest Missouri companies the opportunity to donate food instead of dumping it, and redistributes that food to the needy in 35 counties across the Ozarks. Your food bank has a small staff of thirteen dedicated individuals, but as hard as we work there is simply no way we can fulfill our mission alone. Our accomplishments are achieved because people like you get involved and help out. **So what did you accomplish last year?**

Our mission encompasses two broad areas: The first is to *acquire and distribute wholesome food to a network of charities assisting community members in need*. The second is to *improve the quality of life for the communities we serve by educating, empowering, and enlightening people across the Ozarks about the issues of hunger and nutrition*. Our mission driven philosophy allowed you to impact over 37,000 unduplicated individuals in Southwest Missouri each month last year, providing food for 4.2 million meals. **Thanks to your help, for every \$1 in our budget, we provided nearly \$8.00 worth of assistance, with 95 cents of every dollar donated devoted to food distribution and programming.**

Your support also helped Ozarks Food Harvest provide innovative community relief and education programs such as Full Circle Garden®, our community garden project, Kids Cafe®, our after school feeding program, Food for Thought®, our backpack food program for rural children, Club F.U.N.®, our award winning child obesity prevention program, and our Senior Food Box program, providing food targeted to the nutritional needs of seniors.

You helped senior citizens on fixed incomes to be able to afford their medications.
You helped parents working in minimum wage jobs put food on the table for their children.
You helped to lessen the burden of someone laid off from a job.
You gave food to a hungry child to take home for the weekend.

Why did you do it? Quite simply, because it needed to be done. **We couldn't do it alone so we asked for your help. And every time we asked you said yes.** You have given your time, your funds, and your trust. The result is a regional resource that infused over \$7 million worth of food and support last year into the communities we are privileged to serve.

This is your Food Bank; thank you for allowing us to work through you to build a better community for all of us.



Bart Braun

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The following individuals, businesses, and foundations made donations to Ozarks Food Harvest from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. The Board and staff of Ozarks Food Harvest extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those listed in the following recognition levels for making the 2004/2005 fiscal year highly successful.

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Donations to Ozarks Food Harvest may be pledged and gifted over several years. Ozarks Food Harvest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit under the IRS Code. As such, our organization can accept a variety of gifts, including:

Gifts of **cash**.

Gifts of **securities**, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds and IRAs.

Gifts of **personal property** (i.e. gun collections, antique cars, artwork, etc.)

Gifts of **real property**, including real estate, homes, business property, farmland, etc.

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Gifts of **insurance**, as long as Ozarks Food Harvest is both owner and beneficiary.

Gifts of **bequests** (i.e. gifts received at death directed by a will or living trust.)

We encourage you to discuss these various giving methods with your accountant and attorney and select the most effective way for you to support Ozarks Food Harvest.



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Nonprofit of the Year

Ozarks Food Harvest was honored as "Nonprofit of the Year" by the Springfield Business Journal's 2005 Economic Impact Awards. This award was judged on local budget, dollar value of programs, services or assistance provided to local individuals, number of people assisted, and our impact on the Southwest Missouri economy. Last year the food bank infused more than \$7 million in food and services to communities within our service area.

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Ozarks Food Harvest Feeding the region

by Clarissa French
SBJ Editor

Ozarks Food Harvest's job isn't getting any easier. The nonprofit agency, whose twofold mission is to acquire and distribute food for the hungry and to raise awareness of hunger and nutrition issues, is seeing more working families in need.

And the need keeps growing.

"We have experienced a 35 percent increase in the number of people seeking food assistance in just two years, from 2002 to 2004," said Bart Brown, executive director. The fastest growing population in need is the working poor — families that depend on lower-wage jobs to meet their living expenses.

"Today, a typical food pantry client is much more likely to be working and much less likely to qualify for government assistance," Brown said. Often, when unexpected expenses arise, such as medical bills or car repairs, other costs — like rent, utilities and transportation to work — can't be trimmed, so the family's food budget takes the hit.

"The other change we have experienced is the increase in children and senior citizens needing assistance," Brown said. "Fifty percent of the individuals served by the food bank last year were either children under age 18 or seniors age 65 or older."

The problem for many seniors is that while their incomes were slashed by stock market losses, they have assets, such as a home, that keep them from qualifying for many types of assistance. Funding reductions for state programs such as Medicaid also

will mean that fewer people will meet the lower income guidelines for these programs.

So, the need keeps growing.

Ozarks Food Harvest distributes 4 million to 5 million pounds of food annually, infusing \$7.5 million worth of food and support into southwest Missouri. It also provides a needed service to southwest Missouri companies.

"Last year, Americans threw away 96 billion pounds of safe wholesome food," Brown said. "Ozarks Food Harvest give southwest Missouri companies the opportunity to donate food instead of dumping it, and redistributes that food to the needy."

Through the program, "Businesses save on waste, storage and transportation, and these savings, combined with federal tax deductions and state tax credits, encourage reinvestment leading to increased economic opportunities for people in need," he added.

Daily challenges revolve around the logistics of serving 300 charities across a 37-county area that spans about 40,000 square miles while coordinating with the area businesses, such as Associated Wholesale Grocers, that provide most of its food donations.

And the need keeps growing.

"Although we've been able to double the size of our operating budget in just five years, we still don't have

enough funds to provide services to everyone who needs them. We have waiting lists for rural food delivery, senior food boxes, and schools needing our backpack program," Brown said.

The Food for Thought Backpack program was developed "in response to the needs of children living in extreme poverty or neglect. These children rely on school lunches and breakfasts as their primary source of nutrition," Brown said.

Each child in the program receives a backpack and participating schools receive non-perishable, easy-to-open food items that are placed in a backpack each Friday by school officials to feed the child through the weekend.

Kris Williams, school nurse for three participating schools in rural Ozark County, recently told the Ozarks Food Harvest board of directors, "This program is literally saving lives in our schools."

It's obvious which children are going hungry at home, Williams said. "They isolate themselves. They're lethargic. They can't concentrate or learn. As soon as we get these children on the program, you see a world of difference."

While comprehension and attendance improve dramatically, "Their self-esteem improves just because they know that someone cares about them enough to make sure they have enough to eat," she said.

Ozarks Food Harvest gives southwest Missouri companies the opportunity to donate food instead of dumping it.
-Bart Brown

Nonprofit Of The Year



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Ozarks Food Harvest Executive Director Bart Brown says that a successful nonprofit is run like a successful business. His organization proves its success as Nonprofit of the Year in SBJ's 2005 Economic Impact Awards. At right, Brown receives the award from SBJ Publisher Dianne Elizabeth and Vice President of Finance Dorothy Gardner at the July 21 ceremony.

Brown said the award speaks to the nonprofit community in general.

"I really do appreciate the fact that the Business Journal chose to add the nonprofit category to the EIA," he said. "In doing that, it's saying what we already knew — that it takes a partnership of private business and the nonprofit community to effectively serve our community. That partnership carries a tremendous impact to our local economy."

On the community side, Ozarks Food Harvest distributes 4 million to 5 million pounds of food to those in need annually, representing \$7.5 million in food and support in southwest Missouri. On the corporate side, the organization partners with Associated Wholesale Grocers, Willow Brook Foods, Kraft Foods and others to accept their donations and cut their waste and storage costs while kicking in tax incentives.

Over a 20-year span, the food bank has redistributed 70 million pounds of food worth an estimated \$118 million. Its operating budget will exceed \$1 million for the first time in fiscal year 2006.

Ozarks Food Harvest
615 N. Glenstone
Phone number: (417) 865-3411
Executive director: Bart Brown
Purpose: "The Mission of Ozarks Food Harvest is to acquire and distribute wholesome food to a network of charities assisting community members in need. We seek to improve the quality of life for the communities we serve by educating, empowering and enlightening people across the Ozarks about the issues of hunger and nutrition."

Financial Summary

Revenue and Support

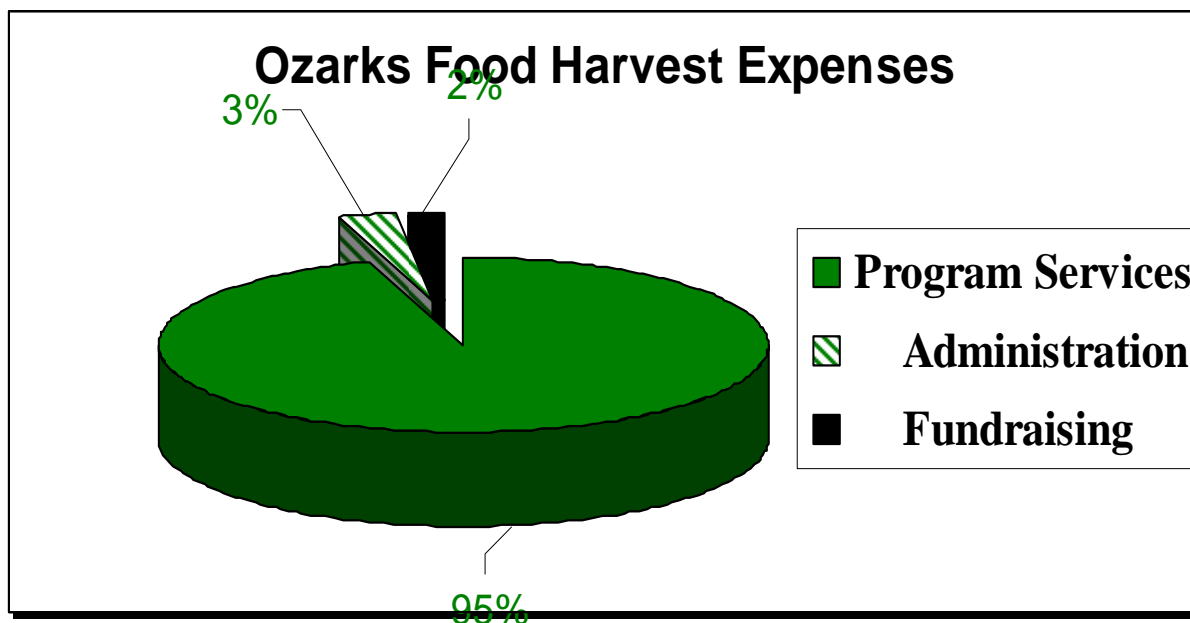
Product contributions	\$5,604,467
Grants and contributions	402,394
Government contracts	384,235
Membership fees	245,729
Other	26,487
Total Revenue and Support	\$6,663,312

Expenses

Program Services	\$6,239,383
Supporting Services	
Administration	197,033
Fundraising	131,355
Total Expenses	\$6,567,771

Net Assets

Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$1,045,130
Net Assets, End of Year	1,755,193
Change in Net Assets	710,063



95% of all donations go directly to food distribution and programs, with only 5% used for administration and fundraising.

The complete set of audited financial statements and the report thereon of Hlavacek, Morris & McIntyre, P.C., our independent accountants, are available upon request by contacting the offices of Ozarks Food Harvest, Inc.

Ozarks Food Harvest Highlights

Programs



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Kids Cafe, sponsored by the Presley family and Presleys' Country Jubilee, is our after-school program designed to provide hot evening meals to Ozarks children who might otherwise go home to an empty dinner plate. Last year you helped provide:

- ◆ 150,000 after-school meals to children in 16 locations.
- ◆ 24,500 summer meals and snacks to children who normally rely on school provided meals, and tend to go without healthy meals during summer vacation.
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities to learn self-sufficiency through meal preparation, serving, and clean up. Each child receives a gift after 15 hours of volunteer time.



“Food for Thought – for Healthier Young Minds” is Ozarks Food Harvest’s program supporting children who rely on their free school meals for a majority of their nutritional needs by providing them with food for the weekend time period. Last year you helped provide:

- ◆ Highly at-risk children backpacks stocked with child-friendly foods like juice boxes, fruit bars, single serve cereal, and easy-open cans of soup and pasta.
- ◆ Confidential help. These backpacks are provided confidentially to children on Friday afternoons to ensure that they have food until they return to school on Monday morning.
- ◆ Backpacks for 140 children in 7 schools every week of the school year. There are now 8 more schools on a waiting list for the program.



Our **Full Circle Garden** program is geared toward families to teach them how to supplement their food stores through their own efforts. Last year you helped provide:

- ◆ All the land, tools, and education necessary to grow their own garden.
- ◆ Free classes on organic gardening, harvesting, preserving, and meal preparation.
- ◆ Encouragement to parents to bring their children with them to help in the garden, so that they may learn from childhood how to not only supplement their own food supplies, but learn good nutrition skills to take with them into adulthood.
- ◆ Gardening and nutrition education for 173 individuals this year.

Club F.U.N. (Fitness, Understanding Health, and Nutrition Education) won the USDA’s “Summer Sunshine” award for excellent children’s programs. You helped this summer program provide:

- ◆ Club F.U.N. classes for children ages 6-9 to teach them the importance of good nutrition and fitness skills aimed at battling childhood obesity.
- ◆ “The Power of Choice” classes for children ages 9-13 to teach them healthy lifestyle habits and how fitness and nutrition is so important to their changing bodies.



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*Working together, we
are hunger's greatest
hope...*

"We really appreciate what everyone at Ozarks Food Harvest does to help families and individuals. What you do is NOT about programs, it is about people."

Duane Williams, Bolivar Salvation Army

"The Food for Thought weekend backpack program through Ozarks Food Harvest is literally saving children's lives."

Kris Williams, Ozark County School Nurse

"Without our ongoing partnership with Ozarks Food Harvest, it would be nearly impossible to feed the people here in our small rural community of Salem, Missouri."

Bill Stack, Pastor, Shepherd's Nook

"Over the years people have started to realize that they can turn to Ozarks Food Harvest for help and to help others. I can't calculate how many lives are touched through Ozarks Food Harvest."

Larry Leek, Good Samaritan Boys Ranch

"The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a God send. I was not able to buy much food before, and I eat everything in the box."

Recipient, CSFP senior food box
