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OZARKS FOOD HARVEST RECEIVES MORE THAN \$30,000 FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE OZARKS

Springfield, Mo. – Ozarks Food Harvest received a \$30,430 gift from Community Foundation of the Ozarks this month to help support the food bank's fastest growing program, Food for Thought, which provides severely at-risk children with a backpack filled with nutritious child-friendly food for them to take home on the weekends, when they might otherwise go hungry.

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks gave a total of \$175,000 in grants to 12 local agencies this month. CFO's 2007-2008 health and social services grant to the food bank will fund Food for Thought in three Springfield elementary schools. The amount covers food purchase, delivery and personnel for the program.

Ozarks Food Harvest's Food for Thought program is available in 26 elementary schools across its 29 county service area this school year.

The Food Bank distributes more than four million pounds of food annually to its network of more than 300 hunger relief agencies across 29 Ozarks counties. Ozarks Food Harvest also offers direct relief through its Kids Cafe, Club F.U.N. and Mobile Food Pantry programs.

For more information about Ozarks Food Harvest or to sponsor a Food for Thought child, call 417-865-3411 or visit www.ozarksfoodharvest.org.



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