



Ozarks Food Harvest Fast Facts

Posting on social media, sending an email or putting together a presentation about The Food Bank? We've put together this list of facts for your use!

General

- Ozarks Food Harvest serves 261,000 children, families and seniors annually.
- Nearly half of the people served by Ozarks Food Harvest are children and seniors.
- For every \$1 donated to Ozarks Food Harvest, four meals are provided to people in need. A monthly donation of \$10, the price of lunch out, will provide 480 meals annually. *To make a donation visit ozarksfoodharvest.org/donate. To provide a reliable flow of meals for those we serve, be sure to click "make this a monthly donation."*
- Out of every \$1 donated to Ozarks Food Harvest, 96 cents goes directly to helping people in southwest Missouri who need food assistance.
- Ozarks Food Harvest provides 22 million meals each year to children, families and seniors who are struggling with hunger in southwest Missouri. *Learn more about The Food Bank's programs here ozarksfoodharvest.org/programs/.*

Weekend Backpack Program

- The Food Bank's *Weekend Backpack Program* provides food insecure children with a bag of child-friendly food items to take home every Friday of the entire school year.
- More than 1,600 children in 61 schools in Springfield and across the Ozarks benefit from this innovative, life-saving program that began in 2003.
- These bags contain six nutritious, balanced, easy-open meals. The students are selected by teachers and counselors who interact with the children on a daily basis.