



OZARKS FOOD HARVEST

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Ozarks Food Harvest is THE FOOD BANK of southwest Missouri

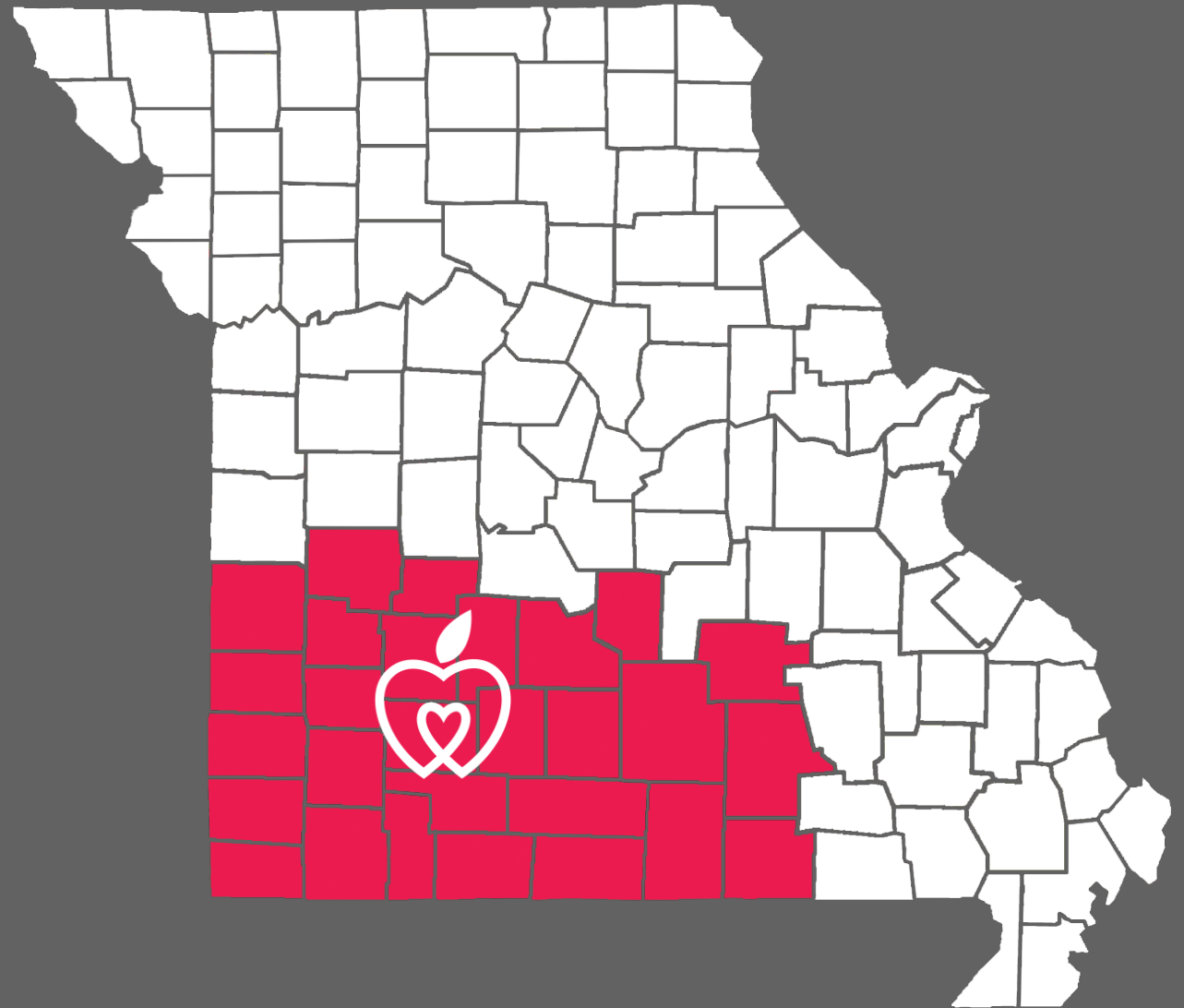
- Founded in 1983
- We serve 90,000 people each month
- We partner with 270 faith-based and community charities across a 28-county service area
- Ozarks Food Harvest supplies 70% of the food distributed by its network of
- 270 charities.



Ozarks Food Harvest's service area is roughly a third of Missouri

That's nearly 20K square miles and includes:

- Springfield
- Joplin
- Carthage
- West Plains
- Branson
- Monett
- Mt. Vernon



Ozarks Food Harvest is a member of Feeding America

Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, with a 47-year history.



200
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60,000
PARTNER AGENCIES

49M
PEOPLE



Donation Breakdown

Donation Package	One-Time Gift	Monthly Payment
Backpack Sponsor One School Year	\$360	\$30 per month
Backpack Sponsor One Semester	\$180	\$15 per month

A backpack sponsorship will provide a child with meals every weekend for an entire school year.



The Reality of Hunger

For thousands of local kids, hunger is not just a number. It's a reality.



Nearly half (47%) of people experiencing food insecurity in the Ozarks don't qualify for government assistance.



1 in 5 adults are facing hunger.



1 in 4 children are facing hunger.



- In southwest Missouri, **food prices have increased 20% over the last 5 years**. This means families need an additional \$340 a month to afford enough groceries.
- **Many parents report going without food** so their children can eat.
- **2 out of 3 households** experiencing food insecurity purchase the least expensive food to make ends meet, even if it's not the healthiest.
- Seniors who have grandchildren in the home are **twice as likely** to experience food insecurity as seniors without a grandchild present.



Beef Stew

Chicken Salad

Beef Stick

Macaroni and Cheese

**Goldfish and
Pretzel Goldfish**

Cereal

**Shelf-stable
White Milk and
Chocolate Milk**

Fruit Cup

Corn

**Chicken and
Rice Soup**

**Mixed
Veggies**

Juice Boxes



“When I’m hungry, I feel bad. Thank you to the people who help provide me food on the weekend. I feel happy after I bring home food for the weekend. My favorite part about the *Weekend Backpack Program* is the tuna.”

- Ely, age 10



Participating Springfield Public Schools*

Arthur Mallory ECC
Bingham Elementary
Bissett Elementary
Boyd Elementary
Campbell Early Child Center
Carver Middle
Delaware Elementary

Disney Elementary
Fremont Elementary
Fulbright Elementary
Holland Elementary
Horace Mann Elementary
Jeffries Elementary
McBride Elementary

Pershing Elementary & Middle
Pittman Elementary
Pleasant View Elementary & Middle
Rountree Elementary
Sequiota Elementary
Shady Dell ECC
Sherwood Elementary

Sunshine Elementary
Truman Elementary
Wanda Gray Elementary
Watkins Elementary
Westport Elementary & Middle
Wilder Elementary
York Elementary



Participating Rural Schools*

Bakersfield Elementary
Bolivar Elementary
Bronaugh Elementary
Crane Elementary
Everton Elementary
Exeter Elementary
Fair Play Elementary
Galena Elementary*
Hartville Elementary

Hollister Elementary
Hubble Elementary (Marshfield)
Humansville Elementary
Hurley Elementary
Lutie Elementary (Theodosia)
Mallory Elementary (Buffalo)
Manes Elementary (Mountain Grove)
Marion C. Early (Morrisville)

Monett Early Childhood Center
Monett Elementary & Intermediate
Mount Vernon Elementary
Northeast Vernon County
(Schell City)
Pineville Elementary*
Richards Elementary (West Plains)
Richland Elementary

Rocky Comfort Elementary*
Sheldon Elementary
Skyline Elementary
Southwest Elementary
(Washburn)
Thornfield Elementary
Walnut Grove Elementary
Winona Elementary



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Children on the
Weekend Backpack Program
share their stories.



Name: Haven
Age: 8
Grade: 3
School: Pershing



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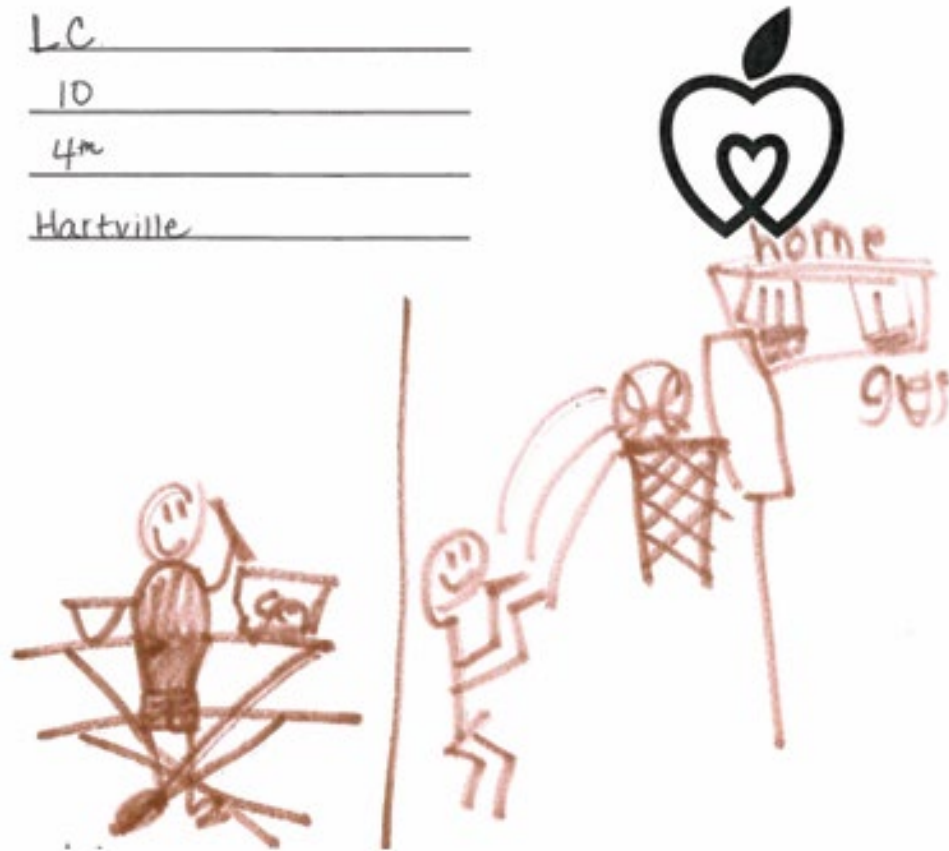
- HAVEN, AGE 8

Name: LC

Age: 10

Grade: 4th

School: Hartville



"I'm thankful to get a food bag every weekend because they help with making sure my family has enough food. After my brother's basketball practice, he's really hungry. He loves the cereal cups you put in and the fruit and jerky, so thank you."

- L.C., AGE 10

"I like the food bags that we get every weekend. I think if we didn't have them some weekends, we wouldn't have very much to eat. My favorite thing out of the food bags are the chicken packets. I thank the people that make the food bags for everyone every weekend. You guys put in hard work to feed the kids in need."

- EMILY, AGE 15

"Thank you for feeding me and my family. You put good food in there, so thank you for feeding us."

- BRYAN, AGE 11

"Thank you for letting us have these food bags. I also wanted you to know that you are the best for doing this for me, my friends, and others around the world. I hope you know that. Love, Adalynn."

- ADALYNN, AGE 10

"Thank you for the food and vegetables. Now I don't have to be hungry, and they taste good."

- COREY, AGE 9



PARENT TESTIMONIALS

Parents with children on the
Weekend Backpack Program
share their stories.



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“My daughter has been a part of the *Weekend Backpack Program* for a couple years now, and she absolutely loves every part of it. She loves bringing home the snacks. She loves going through it on Fridays when she gets out of school, and it’s helped out a lot for snacks throughout the weekend until school is back in session.”

REBECCA

Parent of a *Weekend Backpack* student

“We are grandparents and taking care of our grandchildren. Because we are grandparents, we’re on Social Security and don’t have a whole lot of money. The *Weekend Backpack Program* sure helps out a lot because these kids eat a lot, and I have three of them. Thank you very much.”

PARENT OF A WEEKEND BACKPACK STUDENT



SCHOOL TESTIMONIALS

Teachers and counselors
with students on the
Weekend Backpack Program
share their stories.



“A staff member asked a student, ‘What did you have for dinner last night?’ And she said it was something that came from the bag. To actually hear a student say that’s what they had to eat the previous night, that’s when it really struck home that this is really important to these kids.”

TRAVIS

Counselor, Monnett Elementary School

“Thank you so much for providing weekend food bags for my students! Many of them have to care for themselves and younger siblings, and having this food makes is so much easier.”

JENNIFER

Elementary School counselor



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Because of you, someone
will eat today.

Thank you for your support of the
Weekend Backpack Program. Your help will
make a difference in the lives of so many
children in the Ozarks



Thank you!

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