

AROUND THE Circle Newsletter

Circle of Concern
Food Pantry



Feed a Family

Summer Campaign



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FOOD PANTRY



We often see food donations dip during the summer months, but **hunger doesn't take a summer break. Neither do we.**

Supporting our clients with food during the summer months is essential to ensure children and families maintain access to wholesome foods when school programs and other resources are not available. To help, we invite you to join our Feed a Family Summer Campaign. You can shop for a small or large family – or make a donation and let us do the shopping.

Did you know that more than 47% of children in Missouri rely on school meals? Without access to these resources during the summer, they can miss out on meals and go hungry. Summer often creates additional financial strain for families, as routines, schedules, and childcare arrangements become disrupted.

Your support of our Feed a Family Summer Campaign helps to close this gap – promoting children's health and well-being; and easing financial stress for families.

Will you help feed a family this summer? Support today by visiting circleofconcern.org/feed-a-family

Current Needs:

- Dinner Helpers
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal
- Boxed Potatoes
- Boxed Rice

OUR MISSION:

Circle of Concern feeds the hungry and provides assistance to low-income families living in our community.

OUR VISION:

Improving every life in our community by reducing hunger and poverty.



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*Feeding Families is
Just the Beginning*

Serving Up Client Success

We're proud to share a heartfelt story from our client Rebecca, who wanted to express her joy and gratitude with the Circle community. A few years ago, Rebecca signed her daughter up for a summer volleyball camp to keep her active, make friends or maybe learn a new skill. Thanks to Circle of Concern, the entry fee was covered through our Summer Opportunities Program. This was to be a fun, no-pressure experience.

When her daughter stepped onto the court, however, something changed. She lit up. The shuffle of sneakers on the hardwood, the sound of the ball bouncing from player to player, teammates communicating. Rebecca watched as her daughter went from unsure and curious to determined and passionate.

By the time high school rolled around, her daughter was ready to try out for the team. She made it! Each year, she improved and was awarded team MVP – twice! Rebecca could hardly believe it. Her daughter recently graduated and was offered a volleyball scholarship to a local college. Her hard work had paid off!

This summer, in a true full-circle moment, Rebecca's daughter returned to that same volleyball camp, not as a camper, but as a coach. She's giving back, mentoring the next wave of young players. What started as a simple summer activity became a life-changing journey. And Rebecca couldn't be prouder.

This year, through our Summer Opportunities Program, 140 children attended the camp of their choice. They enjoyed a variety of opportunities, such as horseback riding, sports camps, art lessons, lifeguard training, and more. Thank you for making this program possible!



Operation Food Search Samples Fresh Recipe

We welcomed Blair from Operation Food Search recently to serve up some delicious samples for our clients. Blair is the Community Nutrition Coordinator, providing nutrition education throughout the St. Louis community. While clients came through our pantry, she offered free samples of the Chickpea Salad Sandwich, which was a hit! You can find the recipe on our social media pages.

We look forward to more visits like this that support our clients with both food and the knowledge to make healthy choices.



We want to celebrate the strength and generosity of our community. In 2024, together we distributed 452,000 pounds of donated foods and essentials to our neighbors in need. This reflects the compassion of you, our neighbors. These

donations came from a variety of groups, communities and individuals, and it's a testament to what we can achieve when we come together to care for one another. We thank you! We simply could not do this work without you.

Now Accepting Produce from Community Gardens

We're now accepting fresh produce donations from community gardens and local gardeners. Do you have more tomatoes than you know what to do with? Zucchini taking over your backyard? We'd love to help you share the harvest!

We'll get your fresh donations into the hands of our clients as quickly as possible. Your garden's bounty will go straight to families who will appreciate every tomato, every pepper, every bunch of herbs.

You can drop off during our regular hours at our Circle warehouse. Together, we can make sure nothing goes to waste and everyone has access to fresh, nutritious food.



In Honor and Memory

November 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025

When you give in Honor or in Memory of a loved one, you also honor Circle with your gift that ensures families in our area can eat nutritious food and access critical social service programs. Thank you!

IN HONOR

Jill Albano's Birthday
Bridget Albright
Kimberly Albright
Bob Anzalone's Birthday
April Birthdays
Mendi Baker
Barclay and Jessica
Karen Bellville
Jay Bellville's Family
Rick and Carol Bender
John Bender for Christmas
Todd Bender for Christmas
DeAnna Bender for Christmas
Bill and Sheryl Bergman
Barbara Bess
Maury and Genny Boehmer
Barbara Brown
Paul Brown
The Butler Family
Betsy Carlsen's Birthday
Christmas
Penny and Greg
Christoffel
Circle of Concern's Good Work
Circle Volunteers
Don and Billie Coon
August Delcau
Doug and Lynnsie's Wedding
Karen Dunne
Easter
Marie Casey and Kenn Entringer
M. Ray Evans
Fancy Lady Walkers
Tim Gannon
Carole Gwyn
Dean and Betty Hammann
The Hankinson Family
Jim and Mary Hannah
Tedd and Joyce Harrell
The Herpel Family
Joyce Inman
Jeff from Orchard Lakes
Boyd and Barbara Jones
Roger C. Krasnicki
Mark and Deborah Kuming
Lenten Almsgiving
Lern
David Lilley
Lisa Laudel
Brian and Kelly Loebs
Don Loso
George and Nancy Lynn
Alan McClendon
Bob and Marilyn Merlo
Rich and Donna Messey
Scotty Meyer
Dave and Mary Miller
Eileen and Larry O'Brien
Joyce O'Connell
Jerry and Kathy Ortinau
Becky Pool
Marylee Pratt
Larry and Edie Quick

Carl and Betty Quicksall
Donna Rabbitt
Madeline Raile
Erin Rimkus' Birthday
Dolores Rodenberg
Ed Rowe
Hazel Rozema
Jim and Kathy Ruggeri
Gary and Elaine Ruiz
Baker and Jackson Sharpe
Mark and Corrie Stock
Chuck and Carol Stout
Team DKM
Linda and Chris Thumm
Lydia Trigg
Ken Ulmer
Judy Underhill
Valley Park Meals on Wheels
Jane Walsma's Birthday
Fred Wear's Retirement
The Westermann Family
Barb Woehle
James D. Wolfe
Cindy Wolk
Kathy Zelch's Birthday

IN MEMORY

Anna Sue Allen
Harriet and Al Antoine
Sophia Marie Baniak
Virginia and Charles Bartnett
Don and Elaine Baumbach
Marilyn Behrens
Walter Beranek
Roseann Bobnar
Lvira "Vi" Bogard
Frank Bollinger
Patricia Brewer
Sean Phillip Bricker
Ken Brockmann, Jr.
Betty Brown
Mark Buehler
Kenneth Buermann
Jean Burns
Dolly and Anthony Busalaki
Nora Cahill
Captain Farfel
Len Carmona
Wilda Carswell's Son, Jay
Vicki Challis
Billy Chitwood
Trevor Clark
John and Connie Conrad
Randolph Constantine
Lisa Copeland
Katherine and Ray Dains
Jeannette Daugherty
Al and Dru DeLisle
Pat Devoti
Kathy Dieckmann
Louise DuMontier
Ken Elkins
Ben and Steve Ferris
Dennis M. Flanagan

Joyce Frantz
Jim French
Chris Gibbons
Howard Allen Gleason
David Goalstone
Margaret Greenhalgh
Tillie Gruen
Carole Hansmann
Evlewt Groene Harman
Lelia "Lee" Headrick
Irene Hecker
Marlene Hedrick
Cathleen Heitmann
Charlene Henke
Marvin "Marv" Herpel
Herman Holtmeyer
Earl and Mae Hudson
Phelps Hurford
Gene Ianotti
Wray Johanning
Bob Juergens
Mary Louise Junk
Mel Jusich
Matthew Charles Keller
Kelsey
Louis J. Kerber
Gil and Juanita Koewing
Jane Kostelc
Kathy Kroening
Cheryl Kruse
Haran Kumar
Margaret Kunst
Ron Lewis
Andrew Livingston
Grace Loeffelman
Irwin Loiterstein
Patricia Manget
Mary and G.
Connie McCauley
Carolyn McKeone
Jane McLaughlin
Dominic Mikal
Thomas Morrow
Jean Mosbach
Mugs and Jen
Marlene Muir
Delores Newberry

Anne T. O'Connell
Luther Oliva
Oner Onergil
Ross G. Osiek
Preston Jack O'Toole
Koonce Family Members
Ken Owens, III
Lenora Parker
Donald Piekarski
Kenneth Ploch
Mary Estelle Powers
Charlotte Pullen
Norm Raeber
Lane Rakow
Harold Rasch
Grace Reiner
Helene Ruppe
Bella Schlueter
Art Schnatterly
Dominic 'Doc' Schuckman
Bill Sei
Joe Sooter
Edgar Sparks
Jerry Specter
Edward Springer
Janice Strinko
Carol Stuke
Tina Sutton
Marsha Tash
Sadie Taylor
Dolores Terry
Joyce Trombley
Eric Trusner
Sylvia VanEssendelft
Ron Vines
Gigi Volkart
Marilyn Walters
Nick and Shirley Wanko
Mildred Weber
Bob Weiler
Harry and Jean West
Joyce and Ray Wilke
Timothy Wolf
Emily and Larry Wolfe
Amy Woods
Dr. John Woods, Jr.
Saileela Yadhukumar

AUGUST IS MAKE-A-WILL MONTH!

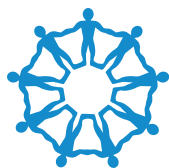
Make a will, make an impact
on low-income families
living in our community. Learn more at circleofconcern.org.



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Summer 2025

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We share many donations with our clients:

- Food, Canned and Packaged
- Fresh Garden Produce
- Dry Pet Food, Litter
- Personal Care Items

Donations are accepted:

Mon, Tues, Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wed 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Your monetary gift or food donation
can qualify for MO Food Pantry
Tax Credits. Contact [Circle@
circleofconcern.org](mailto:Circle@circleofconcern.org) to find out more.



"LIKE US" on Facebook and Instagram. Visit us online at www.circleofconcern.org.

Important Dates:



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| August 9 - | Operation Food Search -
Shop Out Hunger |
| August 30 &
September 1 | Circle Closed in observance of Labor Day |
| September 29 | Circle Board Meeting
Contact cyndi@circleofconcern.org
for more info |
| October 10 | Save the Date!
Harvest Moon Trivia returns |

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