

# Share the Harvest Food Pantry and Resale Shop



## Newsletter

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### From the Director

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** 2016 IS HERE AND GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR! I'm very excited to announce the new Share the Harvest website is up and running. Please visit it at [www.sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org](http://www.sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org). It has lots of new information on it and will be used in the future to announce new and exciting programs for Share the Harvest.



I'm excited to announce Share the Harvest has a new partner in our endeavor to raise money. It is Showcase Publishing Company and Mr. David Leathers. Lake of the Ozarks Second Home Living is one of Mr. Leathers' magazines. He is building an

inspiration home this year in the Villages off of Shawnee Bend Road. The proceeds from selling this home will benefit Share the Harvest Food Pantry. To let the public see the new home Showcase Publishing is planning a Hard Hat Party on March 22, 2016, from 5 o'clock to 8 o'clock at the location of the new home. The address is 440 Eastwood Court and can be reached off of MM at the Villages second entrance (MM40). The Hard Hat

Party will be that evening and for a fee of \$25 you will get food and drinks. Please contact [Danyelle65079@gmail.com](mailto:Danyelle65079@gmail.com) to put in your reservations. We hope to see you there.

I know we were going to feature the new Share the Harvest website address on our newsletter, but I also want to put in there that we have new email addresses which are:

- 1 – [director@sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org)
- 2 – [garden@sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org](mailto:garden@sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org)
- 3 – [store@sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org](mailto:store@sharetheharvestfoodpantry.org)

### FOOD PANTRY TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE

Any taxpayer who donates cash or food to a food pantry may claim a tax credit. The credit claimed shall equal 50% of the value of the contribution or donation made. Donations to a food bank or an out-of-state food pantry do not qualify for the credit. Credits cannot exceed \$2,500 per taxpayer per year. If married individuals filing a combined return made contributions to a food pantry, each spouse may claim up to \$2,500. If you would like additional information regarding this tax credit, please go to Missouri Department of Revenue, Food Pantry Tax Credit, for Form MO-FPT.

**Bob White, Director**



## DIGGING IN THE DIRT

**Winter—the ‘planning season’ a time to prepare for Spring and Summer.** As we plan for the coming growing season we are again going to grow plants to sell at the Twice Around Shop. Many, if not most of the varieties will be grown from heirloom/open pollinated seeds, which will allow you to save the seeds for the next growing season. I am a seed saver and find the sharing part to be the most important way to insure that our food heritage is passed on. So with growing heirlooms and saving seeds you are part of a world wide effort to take back our food supply. One garden at a time. I like the slogan “Save a Seed for Us All” for a gardener it puts things into perspective. We plan on having early garden greens available for spring planting such as: Kale (several types), collards, Swiss Chard and an assortment of lettuce types. Our plan is to post what we have available for sale on Share the Harvest’s new webpage and our Facebook page.

In December I applied for the Grow Well Missouri Partnership Opportunity. Six Missouri communities were selected to join this program and I am happy to announce we were one of the six selected! In February Angie Capps and I will be going to Springfield, MO, to learn how to implement this program at Share the Harvest. You can learn more about this program by simply typing in your search engine Grow Well Missouri and you can see the purpose and goal of this partnership. I am happy we were selected to be part of this program.

**The Gardening Lady, Sheila**

We have started a new project in the garden. If you



would like to help us, we are trying to build new recycle compost bins with extra-large concrete blocks. We have had a few bought

so far, but we need more. If you would like to buy a block for our project, it will only be \$65.00 per block. Please note this on your check or call if you wish to make a credit card donation.

We are also looking for donations of gently used flower pots (clay or plastic) and manure.

## WINNER OF THE RAFFLE QUILT



Sandy Olms donated her handmade quilt to Share the Harvest as a fund raiser project. Thank you, Sandy!



On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the drawing was held here at Share the Harvest and the winner is.....**ANGIE CAPPS.** Congratulations, Angie, enjoy many naps under this great quilt.



## THE BUCK STOPS HERE

### “Notes from the Twice Around Nook”

Well, the holidays are over and once again we sold a ton of Christmas décor in the store. We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

We will be having a bag sale early part of February – not sure about the date yet.

The store is low on merchandise so now is the time to clean out that old stuff you haven’t used in the last year. Get the clothes you have not worn for a long time and bring it all to the thrift store. I thank you all in advance. Your junk – our treasure! Happy New Year!

This time I will introduce you to my Tuesday Teams. During the day on Tuesdays, I have Lory Hall, Sheri Hanson and Bonnie DesPaw. These ladies work very hard and do a great job at pricing and displaying things. Bonnie is on the cash register and she is just great with the people and keeping things running smoothly. Tuesdays night’s team is Linda Moreland, Beverly Tevis and Mary Cordry. All great women and hard workers.

Have a great winter, hope the snow and ice is not too bad. As always thank you for your support!

time, energy and effort in making the pantry run smoothly. It is because of these wonderful people that we are able to support the growing need for food distribution in Camden County. Our pantry is open to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; each day has a crew of approximately six to ten people. Our volunteers do everything from checking people in, to stocking shelves and working the front tables where refrigerator and freezer goods are distributed. We could not do it without you folks, so thank you.

I would also like to thank our local grocery stores for their contributions. A lot of what you don’t see when you come to our pantry is where and how we get the donations that in turn help feed the people. Myself, along with my co-worker, Kevin Neimann, and a few volunteers go on donation runs. Our contributors which include Woods’, Wal-Mart, Dierbergs, Gerbes and HyVee give us dairy, breads and meat to help our cause. Like the volunteers, without donations and support from these local stores our pantry would struggle to meet the needs of the hunger issues that face Camden County. In future articles I will be featuring our volunteers and grocery stores in an effort to thank them properly.

Laurie

## UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT



I am pleased to announce there is an upcoming golf tournament to benefit Share the Harvest Food Pantry. It will be held at Porto Cima Golf Course here at the Lake on May 2, 2016. If you are interested in participating in the golf tournament, please contact Bob at Share the Harvest .



## SEE YOU AT THE NOOK!

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## FROM THE WAREHOUSE

Happy New Year! 2016 is here and we are pleased to announce that it is going to be a great year! I would like to personally thank each and every volunteer for their

