

Treasurer/DMV Receive 2009 Feed the Need Awards

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Wow! Awesome! Unbelievable! Outstanding! Fantastic! These are only a few of the words describing Johnson County Government's 2009 Feed the Need campaign that set another record by collecting 186.5 tons in food donations and cash to benefit 10 local food pantries. The total surpassed the record of 159.6 tons set last year and was 44.5 tons, or more than 30 percent, over the 2009 goal of 142 tons. The collections included \$89,500 in cash, which represents approximately 179 tons of food (each donated dollar equates to four pounds of food), and 15,019 pounds of donated food. The total collection was 379,985.9 pounds.

Results of 2009 food drive were announced Thursday, July 16, by Jack Clegg, director of Johnson County's Informational Technology Services, and John O'Neil, general manager of Johnson County Wastewater. They served as the 2009 campaign cochairmen. The event included tonnage award presentations to 30 departments/agencies during an afternoon ceremony in the Hearing Room of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Treasurer/DMV received the Chairman's Award for collecting the most food with 48,719 pounds. They also retained the Commissioners' Plaque for the best average per-person collection with an average of 633 pounds per employee in 2009. The Treasurer's Office/DMV received that award in the 2008 campaign with an average of 553 pounds per employee. They also received a Twenty-Four Ton award based on the weight of the collections they received.



The 2009 campaign began June 12 and ended June 29. All donations collected in the food drive benefit 10 food pantries serving eligible Johnson County citizens. Thursday's ceremony included presentation of ceremonial checks of \$8,949 to the representatives from the pantries. Actual checks recently were distributed to the pantries to assist them in stocking their shelves to meet demands for assistance.