Firm Raises 1,038 Pounds of Food for Community Food Bank

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Lathrop Gage summer associates, attorneys and staff together raised an estimated 1,038 pounds of food for Harvesters, a Kansas City-based nonprofit food network. The successful food drive and fundraising effort was led by the summer associates at the firm. Each year the summer associate program undertakes a large service project dedicated to helping less fortunate populations within the Kansas City community.

In addition to the food that will be shared with the numerous nonprofit organizations and service agencies that feed the homeless, children, mentally disabled and emergency-food recipients, the campaign raised $1,178 for the organization. The 700-pound tally exceeded the 500-pound goal set by the summer associates.

Harvesters provides assistance to 550 social service agencies to reach nearly 60,000 people in Greater Kansas City each week. With every dollar raised, Harvesters can provide up to five meals, which means that the cash donations alone from the campaign will provide more than 5,500 meals. The summer associates selected Harvesters as their service project because during the summer months, Harvesters experiences an increase in need due to children who rely on free and reduced meals at school during the normal school year, and reports that families are struggling even more this summer due to rising food and fuel costs, which has led to an increase in people who are turning to Harvesters' network of pantries, shelters and soup kitchens for assistance. Harvesters is a certified member of America's Second Harvest, a nationwide network of more than 200 food banks, serving all 50 states.

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