



Lee's Summit  
Social Services



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**TEENS TO COLLECT 40,000 FOOD ITEMS IN 8 HOURS FOR AREA HUNGRY**  
**THCF Youth Advisory Council to Hold Fifth Annual Fill Those Trucks Event**  
**Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at area HyVee locations**



**EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY, MO (April 11, 2018):** Students in the 160+ member Truman Heartland Community Foundation (THCF) Youth Advisory Council have organized an **8-hour food drive** to benefit residents of their communities. The students have the goal of collecting **10,000** donated items at each location and **filling a box truck** in 8 hours.

**Event:** THCF's Youth Advisory Council Fill Those Trucks

**Date:** Saturday, April 21, 2018

**Time:** 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Locations:** Hy-Vee on 40 Hwy and Noland Road, Independence – benefitting Community Service League

Hy-Vee on 40 Hwy, Blue Springs – benefitting Community Service League

Hy-Vee on 3rd and Ward, Lee's Summit – benefitting Lee's Summit Social Services

Hy-Vee on 350 Hwy, Raytown – benefitting Raytown Emergency Assistance Program

**About THCF's Youth Advisory Council:** Truman Heartland Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council is a program to involve young leaders in changing the future through the power of philanthropy. YAC has grown to a council of more than 160 student leaders annually committed to improving the lives of children and young people throughout our Eastern Jackson County community. YAC is represented by the following area high schools: Blue Springs, Blue Springs South, Center Place Restoration, Fort Osage, Grain Valley, Lee's Summit, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit West, Raytown, Raytown South, Truman, Van Horn and William Chrisman.

**About Community Services League (CSL):** Founded in 1916 by a group of local women including Bess Wallace Truman, CSL is a non-profit organization striving to promote economic stability by offering emergency assistance, employment services, housing counseling, and other resources to families in need. CSL operates at 11 locations with the main office and two outreach offices in Independence, plus offices in Blue Springs, Buckner, Grain Valley, Lee's Summit, Oak Grove, and Raytown. CSL is a United Way Agency and a 501(c)(3) organization as designated by the IRS.

**About Lee's Summit Social Services (LSSS) :** For more than 20 years, Lee's Summit Social Services has been assisting low-income, elderly and disabled persons in its service area. LSSS is a nonprofit organization promoting economic stability by offering emergency assistance, life skills and goals, and other resources to families and individuals in need. LSSS is a United Way Agency and a 501(c)(3) organization as designated by the IRS.

**About Raytown Emergency Assistance Program (REAP):** Founded in 1982 to raise funding for utility assistance in the Raytown area, Raytown Emergency Assistance Program is a nonprofit organization striving to promote economic stability by offering emergency assistance and a variety of resources to Raytown families in need. REAP is supported by the city of Raytown, civic and school organizations, businesses, churches, and many individuals who give time, resources, and finances. REAP is a United Way Agency and a 501(c)(3) organization as designated by the IRS.

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