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Transylvania "Campus Sing" Brings in 28,709 Pounds of Food

LEXINGTON, KY –Under the auspices of Chi Omega Sorority's annual Campus Sing event, students at Transylvania University recently donated 28,709 pounds of canned food to God's Pantry Food Bank. That amount of food has an estimated retail value of over \$48,500.

"Campus Sing" is a **one-day event** involving sororities and fraternities to see which can collect the most cans of food. At the end of the day, Greek organizations compete at Transylvania's Beck Center in a song and dance festival called the "Campus Sing", and the food drive "leaders" are announced during the festival. Participants were the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Delta Delta and Phi Mu; and the brothers of Phi Kappa Tau, Pi Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Phi. Chi Omega's also collected food but, because they sponsored the event, they weren't eligible to win the competition. This year's "leaders" were Alpha Omicron Pi, with a donation of 10,001 cans of food, Phi Mu, with 8,594 cans, Delta Delta Delta, with 1,905 cans, and Delta Sigma Phi, with 1,160 cans.

The ultimate winners are the needy families who benefit from this great idea and generous donation.

In the five-year history of this food drive, a total of 116,302 pounds has been donated to our food bank. We wish to thank the sisters of Chi Omega and the other sororities and fraternities for their commitment to community service and assistance in the fight against hunger in Fayette County.

God's Pantry Food Bank reports a recent 26% increase in the number of clients served locally and relies on regularly scheduled food drives to fill the need of the Fayette County Emergency Food Box Program. Every month, God's Pantry Food Bank distributes over 110,000 pounds of donated, purchased and USDA commodity food to 1,100 Fayette County households. Transylvania's donation will stock our six food pantry locations for three weeks.

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The mission of God's Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources. We serve 49 counties of central and eastern Kentucky and distribute \$10 worth of food for every \$1 donated. Last year God's Pantry Food Bank and its member agencies distributed more than 13 million pounds of groceries to more than 159,000 individuals. God's Pantry Food Bank is a member of America's Second Harvest, the Nation's Food Bank Network. Through community partnerships and distribution of food to 50,000 agencies, America's Second Harvest collectively works to assure that people in need have access to a balanced diet. For more information visit us at <http://www.godspantry.org/> or www.secondharvest.org.