

## **DONATION**

# **Organizations send off \$4K of supplies to food pantries**

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When members of the Carroll Rotary Club lined up next to piles of nonperishable food at Hy-Vee recently, the memory of their Grocery Grab victory was still fresh in their minds.

In July, they'd beaten out the other teams in a competition to see who could fill a grocery cart with items a food pantry needs and reach a tally closest to \$250.

Each participating team donated the total its members tallied during the second annual Grocery Grab organized in July by the Carroll Lions Club, and the total donations, which approached \$4,000, were used to purchase two loads of supplies to send to

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Members of area organizations prepare to send food to two local food pantries, Community of Concern and New Opportunities Family Development Center, purchased with the proceeds from a Grocery Grab the Carroll Lions Club hosted at Hy-Vee in July. The Rotary Club was declared the winning team after it gathered groceries that tallied a total closest to \$250. Pictured with the donated goods are (from left) Ashley Ricke, the Lions Club's Grocery Grab chairwoman; Kristina Grossman with New Opportunities; Nick Greteman and Chris Van Dyke with the Carroll Rotary Club; Brad Auge, Hy-Vee store director; Roxie Reinart and Judy Beyer with Community of Concern; and Sondra Rlerson, president of the Carroll Lions Club.

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Community of Concern and the New Opportunities Family Development Center.

A dozen teams participated this year.

"It's a pretty awesome event that we were able to do for Carroll County," said Ashley Ricke, Lions Club's Grocery Grab chairwoman. Rotary members joined

representatives from the Carroll Lions Club, New Opportunities and Community of Concern to send off the piles of food — cereal, peanut butter and jelly, noodles, canned food and other nonperishable items.

The Lions Club has supported a variety of other initiatives, including scholarships for Carroll and Kuepper students, playground equipment, youth camps, purchasing eyeglasses and hearing aids and more.

The organization will hold its annual soup day fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Graham Park shelterhouse. The price is \$8.50 for adults and \$6 for children ages 10 and under.