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Prairie Farms partners with Nathaniel Reid Bakery to Donate Milk to Area Food Bank

Operation Food Search to receive 2,000 cartons of milk for June Dairy Month Distributions

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (June 8, 2021) – June is Dairy Month, an excellent time to recognize the power of milk as an essential food that’s important for the diets of all Americans including those who are less fortunate to have it in their refrigerators. That’s why Prairie Farms has partnered with Nathaniel Reid Bakery to donate 2,000 half pints of milk to [Operation Food Search](#) in St. Louis.

[Nathaniel Reid Bakery](#) is a Prairie Farms milk customer with dozens of gallons of milk being used every day to make the delicious pastries and desserts that St. Louis area residents have enjoyed since the bakery first opened in 2016. During a recent conversation with Prairie Farms, Chef Reid indicated his desire to partner with and donate some of the milk he receives to an area food pantry. Prairie Farms already maintains a milk donation program with Operation Food Search, the leading distributor of free food for the bi-state region. With June Dairy Month being a logical time to bring milk to those in need a partnership was formed between the three entities to plan a donation and subsequent distribution.

“We’re delighted to receive this donation of milk for our community, said Jack Baran, Food Donations Relationship Manager with Operation Food Search. “Individual milk cartons are perfectly sized for distribution and provide important nutrition as we work toward our goal of ending hunger in the St. Louis region.”

Local media are invited to come take photos or videos and grab an interview on Wednesday morning as the Prairie Farms truck arrives to join Chef Reid, Prairie Farms and Operation Food Search volunteers as they off load cases of milk at the docks. Members of the media are also invited to tour Operation Food Search following the delivery.

Location and timeline of events for photo opportunities on June 9th:

1644 Lotsie Blvd – Overland, MO 63132

8:45am – Prairie Farms milk truck arrives to Operation Food Search

9:00am – 2,000 half pints of milk are unloaded at the docks and taken inside by volunteers

9:20am – Tour of Operation Food Search



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Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. is one of the largest and most successful dairy cooperatives in the Midwest and parts of the South. Elements of the cooperative include more than 800 farm families, 8100 employees, 51 manufacturing plants, over 100 distribution facilities, and annual sales of over \$3 billion. Prairie Farms is a nationally recognized leader in the dairy industry known for setting the standard for milk flavor innovations and producing award-winning milk, cheese, and cultured dairy products. With headquarters in Edwardsville, Ill., the Prairie Farms distribution footprint covers over 30 percent of the United States; products are available in grocery chains, mass merchandiser stores, club stores, convenience stores, dollar stores, drug stores, schools, foodservice outlets and warehouse distribution centers. Prairie Farms charitable giving program, [Our Caps, Your Cause](#), supports a variety of non-profit organizations.

Operation Food Search - Founded in 1981, Operation Food Search (OFS) is a hunger relief organization that provides free food, nutrition education and innovative programs proven to reduce food insecurity. With a strategic focus aimed at ending childhood hunger, OFS empowers families and increases access to healthy and affordable food. The agency provides food and services to 200,000 individuals on a monthly basis – one-third of whom are children – through a network of 330 community partners in 27 Missouri and Illinois counties and the city of St. Louis.

Nathaniel Reid Bakery - Chef Nathaniel Reid is the owner/chef of Nathaniel Reid Bakery in Kirkwood, Missouri, outside of St. Louis city. A graduate of Le Cordon Bleu, Paris with a Grand Diploma in Culinary and Pastry Arts, Reid specializes in contemporary bakery creations with perfected European techniques. With a dedication to creating only the finest quality pastries, cakes, confections and sandwiches, Chef Reid opened Nathaniel Reid Bakery in 2016 in his home state of Missouri to showcase his care for the community and pastry craft. As one of *Dessert Professional Magazine's* Top 10 Pastry Chefs in America to Pastry Chef of the Year at the U.S. Pastry Competition, Chef Reid has shared his culinary talents around the world by judging competitions and teaching classes to other dessert professionals. Recently, Chef Reid was recognized as a 2019 and 2020 James Beard Foundation semifinalist for Outstanding Baker as well as one of *St. Louis Business Journal's* 40 under 40. From Food & Wine's [Best Bites 2018](#) for his Kouign-amann to his Guyana cake in Delish's [Top Chocolate Desserts in Every State](#), his creations delight both locals and critics alike. For more information on Chef Reid and Nathaniel Reid Bakery, visit their [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



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