

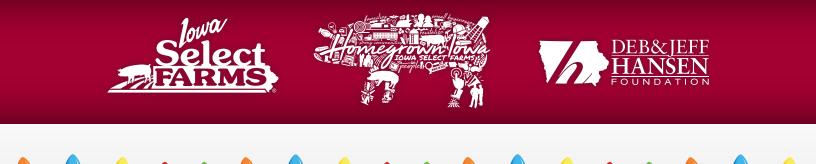
A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



A STUDENT-BASED PROGRAM FOR 4-H CLUBS AND FFA CHAPTERS IN THE COMMUNITIES OF IOWA SELECT FARMS



APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 APPLY ONLINE: www.iowaselect.com/foundation/ignite-the-spirit/





BACKGROUND

We believe everyone deserves a good meal, especially during the holidays. As farmers, we're proud of the product we produce. Pork is a lean and powerful protein that nourishes bodies young and old. It is easy to prepare, full of flavor and versatile.

Since 2011, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation has hosted Operation Christmas Meal, a hunger relief effort supporting lowa families in need of a helping hand, especially during the holidays. Throughout the first two weeks of December, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation hosts Operation Christmas Meal events where they distribute free 5-pound pork loins and a recipe and pork preparation booklet.

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation is once again offering community-based Ignite the Spirit opportunities aimed at increasing awareness of hunger locally and igniting the spirit of service by giving local student groups the tools—pork! to help even more families during the holiday season.

HOW IT WORKS

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation will award FFA, 4-H and school-based organizations in our communities two cases of pork loins and \$500 to prepare a meal for families in need, or organize food baskets to distribute. Have other ideas? Please share! The cases of pork will be available on the day Operation Christmas Meal is in your community (see schedule).

Begin by reaching out to your local food pantry or church service organizations to learn about hunger or homelessness in your community. Work together on an idea that best supports those individuals. This may be organizing a food drive, preparing a meal, or assembling food baskets for families in need.

Each pork loin is five pounds and serves approximately 16-18 people a healthy portion of pork. Two cases of pork loins will feed over 400 people. Cash may be used to offset the cost of side dishes, beverages, or space rental. Event kits are available to schools planning to prepare a meal (see sidebar).

Organizations can apply online at www.iowaselect.com/foundation/ ignite-the-spirit/ by November 30, 2022. Pork loins, checks and event kits (if applicable) will need to be picked up at the Operation Christmas Meal of your choice (see schedule).

WHO: 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters and School-Based Service Groups **WHAT:** Two cases of five-pound pork loins + \$500 to prepare a community meal or organize a food basket for local families in need. Event kits also available for those preparing meals (see sidebar)

STUDENT-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES ARE ELIGIBLE:

Adams, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Clarke, Clay, Crawford, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Lucas, Lyon, Mahaska, Marshall, Mitchell, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Sac, Story, Tama, Taylor, Union, Webster, Winnebago, Woodbury, Wright.



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS MEAL 2022 SCHEDULE

HUMESTON, IOWA

Tuesday, December 6 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Humeston City Park 302 Broad Street Humeston, Iowa 50123

OSCEOLA, IOWA

Tuesday, December 6 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Clarke County Fairgrounds 2070 W McLane Street Osceola, Iowa 50213

MOUNT AYR, IOWA

Tuesday, December 6 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

United Farmers Cooperative 403 E South Street Mount Ayr, Iowa 50854

HAMPTON, IOWA Thursday, December 8 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Franklin County Fairgrounds 1008 Central Avenue W Hampton, IA 50441

CLARION, IOWA Thursday, December 8

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Old Shopko 1003 Central Ave W Clarion, Iowa 50525

OSAGE, IOWA

Thursday, December 8 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mitchell County Fairgrounds 1006 Chestnut Street Osage, Iowa 50461

STORM LAKE, IOWA

Tuesday, December 13 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

King's Pointe Resort 1520 East Lakeshore Drive Storm Lake, Iowa 50588

HUMBOLDT, IOWA Tuesday, December 13 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sundance Lanes 1204 6th Avenue N Humboldt, IA 50548

CARROLL, IOWA

Tuesday, December 13 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Bomgaar's 715 W US Hwy 30 Carroll, IA 51401

GRUNDY CENTER, IOWA

Thursday, December 15 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Community Center 705 F Avenue Grundy Center, IA 50638

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA

Thursday, December 15 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. HyVee 823 2nd Street Webster City, Iowa 50595

IOWA FALLS, IOWA

Thursday, December 15 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Iowa Select Farms 811 South Oak Street Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126



EVENT KIT COMPONENTS

These **FREE** event kits will be provided to clubs and chapters planning a meal. Kits contain aprons, masks, placemats, thermometers, stickers and pork loin recipe booklets.













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