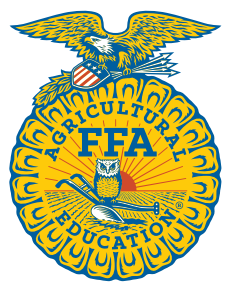


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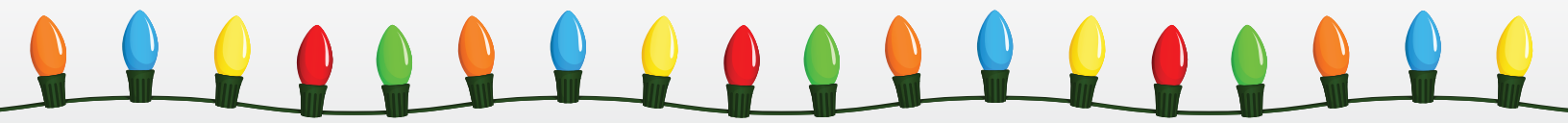
A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



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



APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, November 30, 2023
APPLY ONLINE: www.iowaselect.com/foundation/ignite-the-spirit/





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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 Iowa 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 Four (4) 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. Four cases of pork loins will feed over 800 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, 2023. 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: Four (4) 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 2023 SCHEDULE

► Friday, December 1 ◀

DES MOINES, IOWA
5:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
Iowa State Fairgrounds, Gate 15
Des Moines, Iowa 50317

► Monday, December 4 ◀

DIAGONAL, IOWA
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Freedom Rock
West 3rd Street
Diagonal, Iowa 50845

MURRAY, IOWA
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Horse Arena
710 8th Street
Murray, Iowa 50174

LEON, IOWA
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Community Center
203 NE 2nd Street
Leon, Iowa 50144

HUMESTON, IOWA
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Humeston City Park
301 Broad Street
Humeston, Iowa 50123

CHARITON, IOWA
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Lucas County Health Center
1200 N. 7th Street
Chariton, Iowa 50049

► Wednesday, December 6 ◀

JEWELL, IOWA
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
Jewell Market
607 King Street
Jewell, Iowa 50130

DOWS, IOWA
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Freedom Rock
296 East Ellsworth Street
Dows, Iowa 50071

BELMOND, IOWA
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
True Value
416 River Ave. North
Belmond, Iowa 50421

GARNER, IOWA
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Pritchard's Auto
50 State St.
Garner, Iowa 50438

► Friday, December 8 ◀

SAC CITY, IOWA
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Sac County Fairgrounds
416 Park Ave
Sac City, Iowa 50583

ROCKWELL CITY, IOWA
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Iowa Select Farms Warehouse
2701 Preston Avenue
Rockwell City, Iowa 50579

POCAHONTAS, IOWA
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
City Hall
East Side of Parking Lot
23 West Elm Avenue
Pocahontas, Iowa 50574

ALTA, IOWA
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Community Center
409 W Highway 7
Alta, Iowa 51002

IDA GROVE, IOWA
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Ida Grove Pool
101 E 2nd Street
Ida Grove, Iowa 51445

HOLSTEIN, IOWA
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Main Street
109 South Kiel
Holstein, Iowa 51025

► Tuesday, December 12 ◀

CRESCO, IOWA
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Cresco Theatre and Opera House
115 2nd Ave W.
Cresco, Iowa 52136

LIME SPRINGS, IOWA
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
Community Center
201 Center Street
Lime Springs, Iowa 52155

RICEVILLE, IOWA
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Andy's Mini Mart
203 E Main Street
Riceville, Iowa 50466

OSAGE, IOWA
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Mitchell County Fairgrounds
1006 Chestnut Street
Osage, Iowa 50461

► Thursday, December 14 ◀

ACKLEY, IOWA
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Freedom Rock on Main Street
501-513 Main Street
Ackley, Iowa 50601

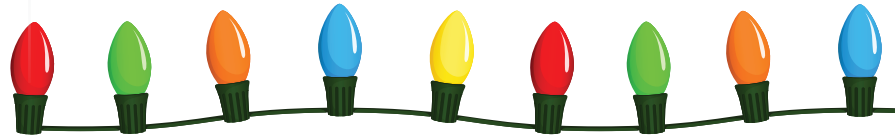
HAMPTON, IOWA
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Franklin County Convention Center
1008 Central Ave West
Hampton, Iowa 50441

IOWA FALLS, IOWA
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Iowa Select Farms
811 S 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, placemats, thermometers, stickers and pork loin recipe booklets.





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