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Purdue Research Park donates to Food Finders Food Bank

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Food Finders Food Bank added to its supply that helps the less fortunate when volunteers from the Purdue Research Park brought 2,426 pounds of donated food and paper products to its Lafayette, Ind., facility.



The non-perishable food and other items were collected by

employees of Purdue Research Park-based companies and the Purdue Research Foundation during a drive that began Nov. 3 and ended Nov. 21. Employees of Griffin Analytical, a business unit of ICx Technologies Inc., contributed almost 1,900 pounds of food.

Food drive
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Food Finders Food Bank is a warehousing facility that solicits food donations and then disburses the food to organizations for distribution to the hungry. The food bank partners with 150 nonprofit agencies in 16 Indiana counties: Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Jasper, Miami, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren and White.

"The work-life balance fostered at Purdue Research Park includes not only wellness and leisure activities, but also opportunities to help the community through charitable efforts," said Joseph B. Hornett, senior vice president, treasurer and COO of the Purdue Research Foundation, which manages the Purdue Research Park. "Several companies located at the Purdue Research Park already have connections with the community."

In April the Purdue Research Park partnered with O'Bryan's

Nine Irish Brothers Traditional Irish Pub to raise money for Project White Picket Fence, a Habitat for Humanity home built in Lafayette.

About Purdue Research Park

The 725-acre Purdue Research Park (<http://www.purdueresearchpark.com>) has the largest university-affiliated business incubation complex in the country. The park is home to more than 157 companies. About 100 of these firms are technology-related and another 39 are incubator businesses. The park is owned and managed by the Purdue Research Foundation, which received three Excellence in Economic Development Awards from the International Economic Development Council in the categories of Entrepreneurship, Partnerships with Educational Institutions and Technology-Based Economic Development. The park was ranked No. 1 in 2004 for university-affiliated research parks and received the 2005 Outstanding Commercialization Award, both from the Association of University Research Parks. The park's companies also have received numerous recognitions, including a 2006 MIRA Award: Innovation of the Year for Purdue Research Park/Quadrascop Inc. and a 2005 CoreNet Global Innovators Award finalist. The Purdue Research Park is part of the Purdue Research Foundation, a private, nonprofit foundation created to assist Purdue University in the area of economic development. In addition to the Purdue Research Park in West Lafayette, the foundation has established or is currently constructing technology parks in other locations around Indiana including Merrillville, New Albany and Indianapolis.

About Food Finders Food Bank

Food Finders Food Bank works to eliminate hunger in mid-north Indiana by rechanneling food and nonfood items that might otherwise be wasted and redirecting them to nonprofit agencies that serve low-income Hoosiers. The food bank manages other food programs to secure additional food sources, provide food safety training and locate funding for equipment, and purchasing product for agencies.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Purdue Research Foundation employees Judy Hall, from left, Kim Vestal and Carla Jackson place donated food items in a display case. The foundation, which manages the Purdue Research Park, held a food drive Nov. 3-21 to benefit Food Finders Food Bank of Lafayette. (Purdue Research Foundation photo/Steve Martin)

*A publication-quality photo is available at
<http://news.uns.purdue.edu/images/+2008/prf-food-drive.jpg>*

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