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**CAN-tree Collection Brings Community Together to Fight Against Hunger During Holiday Season**

**PLEASANT HILL, Iowa** – City of Pleasant Hill employees and other community businesses joined together to fight against hunger by collecting canned goods, benefiting the Caring Hands Food Pantry in Eastern Polk County.

“With the holiday season in full swing, it is rewarding to see the departments and businesses come together to give back to those in need,” said City Manager Don Sandor. “The departments and businesses were able to create a magnificent looking tree with the 1,029 cans. The cans donated will certainly help fight hunger for families and help their holiday shine a little brighter.”

All goods collected are being donated to Caring Hands Food Pantry, which is located right here in Eastern Polk County. At Caring Hands around 1,000 people are served each month. In November 2016, Caring Hands was able to help 326 families, which included 592 adults and 435 children. Caring Hands Food Pantry appreciates the donations from City employees, Pleasant Hill Fareway and Pleasant Hill Hy-Vee, and accepts donations throughout the year to help those 300 plus families in need within our communities.

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