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**Set a world record, make a local difference**

*Summary: UMM will attempt to break a Guinness Book of World Records record for the largest food drive by a non-charitable organization in a 24-hour period. You can help during a food drive on October 18.*

(October 13, 2006)-If you've ever wanted to set a world record, here's an opportunity!

On Wednesday, October 18, the University of Minnesota, Morris will attempt to break a Guinness Book of World Records record for the largest food drive by a non-charitable organization in a 24-hour period. The current record is 156,889.34 pounds and is held by Thunder in the Valley, Bechtelsville, Pa.

UMM faculty, staff, students and community residents can participate in Cans Across America, a national project that will partner with UMM's own longstanding food collection tradition, Trick-or-Can. Sodexo Campus Services across the nation will be participating, but each Sodexo account, like the one at UMM, will be running its own event.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 18, 2006

12:01 a.m.-11:59 p.m. (inclusive times according to Guinness guidelines)

noon-11:59 p.m. (collection times at UMM)

PLACE: Willie's Super Valu, Coborn's, UMM Food Services building lobby or loading dock

WHO WILL BENEFIT: the Stevens County Food Shelf

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Bring non-perishable food items to one of the above locations between the hours of noon-11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18. (We have designated these "daytime" hours to facilitate those who will need to be on hand to tally the results.) Volunteers will be on hand during these hours to weigh and document each individual can, bag or box according to specific guidelines provided by the Guinness Book of World Records. Net weight on the can, for example, will be the weight that must be recorded.

Items especially needed are: beef stew, canned meats, jellies, sugar, flour, vegetable oil, chili, soups, canned fruit, vegetables, canned juices.

**VOLUNTEER!** Volunteers are needed to help with this food drive especially from 6 p.m.-11:59 p.m. to record the collected items. Volunteer for an hour or two by contacting Carol McCannon, (320) 589-6083.

**Trick-or-Can is October 18 too**

In a long-standing UMM tradition, UMM students will meet in the front of Independence Hall at 5 p.m. to form teams.

Teams will travel throughout the city of Morris from 5:30-7:30 p.m. October 18 to collect canned food for the Stevens County Food Shelf and partner with the Cans Across America effort.

### **Take time to say thank you**

A brief appreciation event will be held from 4:45-7 p.m., also on October 18 in the Food Services dining area. Guest speakers will be on hand to thank those who volunteer at the local Food Shelf.

Participate! It'll make you feel GREAT!

Whether or not we make our goal, set a record, etc., one goal is sure:

We will be helping to increase the food supply at the local food shelf at a time when there is a dire need, as UMM students who have volunteered for Trick-or-Can have done over the past several years.

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