**MINNEAPOLIS AREA OLD COUNTRY BUFFETS**® **HELP BATTLE HUNGER**

**WITH HOLIDAY CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

*Ten area OCB restaurants join forces to collect canned food for Second Harvest Heartland*

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Eagan, MN- The Minneapolis Old Country Buffets (OCB) restaurants are calling on area residents to help them fight hunger in their local communities by participating in the **“Together We Can”** canned food drive. Starting now and through November 25, 2014, 10 OCB locations throughout the Minneapolis metro area will be accepting nonperishable items or monetary donations. Each person who donates will receive a $1 off coupon for breakfast or lunch that is good for their next visit.

“The OCB brand originated in Minneapolis and holds a lot of sentimental as well as historical value for us,” said Rich Nottingham, Vice President Of Operations for Old Country Buffet. “A number of people in the area have grown up with our brand and have helped us establish a loyal following in the market across generations. Programs like the **“Together We Can”** canned food drive are just one of the ways that we can give back to the communities that have supported us throughout the years.”

The following are the addresses for the OCB collection sites:

14150 Nicollet Ave. S, Burnsville
5526 W. Broadway, Crystal
3580 Main St., Coon Rapids
6540 University Ave. Fridley
13603 Grove Drive Maple Grove
3000 White Bear Ave. Maplewood
9 E. 66 St., Richfield
2480 Fairview Ave., Roseville
7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury
2000 S. Robert St., West St. Paul

On Tuesday, November 25, volunteers will round up the donations from all 10 participating OCB locations and transport them to NBC KARE 11 for their second annual Food Fight competition. The one-day food drive will take place on November 25, when teams from KARE 11 will be positioned at Byerly’s in Ridgeland, Whole Foods in Maple Grove, Kowalski’s in Woodbury and Club Foods in Eagan Town Centre from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to accept food and monetary donations.

The Food Fight event will support Second Harvest Heartland and their efforts to provide hunger relief to local communities. Second Harvest is the upper Midwest’s largest hunger relief organization. They have a solid track record for distributing great amounts of food quickly and efficiently. For information on Second Harvest, visit *www.2harvest.org*.

For more information about OCB, visit *www.OldCountryBuffet.com*

**About Ovation® Brands**

Ovation® Brands currently operates 334 restaurants in 35 states, comprised of 324 steak-buffet restaurants and 10 Tahoe Joe's Famous Steakhouse restaurants. The restaurants are principally operated under the Old Country Buffet®, HomeTown® Buffet and Ryan's® brands. Ovation employs over 17,000 team members and serves approximately 100 million customers annually. Corporate headquarters are based in Greer, SC with a Corporate Support Center located in Eagan, MN. For more information, visit [www.OvationBrands.com](http://www.OvationBrands.com).

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