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— Masons Overwhelmed by Community Response —

Efforts by businesses like Multi-Conveyor, LLC, located in Winneconne's Industrial Park, made this year's Masonic Food and Fund Drive an unqualified success. Employee participation approached 80-percent as associates donated more than 2,600 items and \$500 in cash and gift cards after management held a kick-off meeting on Friday, Sept. 15. Events during the week included 'Meal Monday',

'Toothpaste Tuesday' and various other events as associates pitched in to support the community in which they work and live.

"I think we have a winning formula that rings true with our local community," says Nathan Ihrig, one of the principle officers of the lodge. "People like to support efforts when they know all of the money stays local and reaches the intended source."

Members of the Winneconne Masonic Lodge are grateful to all the individuals and businesses who helped make this year's Food and Fund Drive for the Winneconne Area Assistance Center (WAAC) food pantry a success. Forty local businesses chose to participate in this year's effort, and many stepped up to make it better than ever.

To date, more than 4,000 items have been donated to

the pantry and collection efforts have resulted in more than \$1,300 dollars in cash, checks and gift cards the pantry can use as it sees fit to further its mission.

Additionally, the Masonic Lodge intends to donate \$1,000 to WAAC at its local charity night scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 10. The meeting will be held at the lodge located at 1 North First Street, is open to the public, and starts at 7:30 p.m.



Team leaders from Multi-Conveyor LLC who helped spur on the Mason's Food and Fund Drive at their company, left to right, Kay Rew, Sharon Malliet, Diane Frees and Barb Messerschmidt. At the end of the effort, all employees were treated to a delicious Subway lunch.

— News photo