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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — Ouachita Baptist University's Enactus chapter is hosting a community-wide canned food drive until Oct. 30 through a new project called Mission 58:10 that will benefit people locally and internationally.

Members of the community are invited to participate by dropping off non-perishable foods or monetary donations at the nine different donation sites in the community listed below. The donated foods will go to the Clark County Ecumenical Food Pantry and Lighthouse Ministries, and any monetary donations will be given to Feed My Starving Children, an organization that sends packed meals to hungry children worldwide.

Mission 58:10 is a project based on Isaiah 58:10, which states, "and if you offer yourself to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted one, then your light will shine in the darkness, and your night will be like noonday." Mission 58:10's goal is to strengthen the local and international prevention of hunger alongside the organizations it is helping to support.

Traditionally, Enactus has partnered with Feed My Starving Children and sponsored a Mobile Pack at Ouachita in which meals packed by student volunteers, children from local schools and other community members are sent to children internationally. This year, however, the members of the organization wanted to reach a different group.

"Mission 58:10 was established to fight the same battle against hunger but have a centered focus on local needs," explained Victoria White, the chairperson of the project and a junior accounting major from Paris, Texas. "Through this canned food drive, Mission 58:10 and the community of Arkadelphia will be able to help those in need on an even greater scale. With stronger food pantries, fewer people go hungry. The heart of Mission 58:10 is to glorify God through serving others."

Community Drop-off Sites:

- Big Cheese Pizza—2909 Pine Street
- Chicken Express—3115 Pine Street
- Clark County Christian Academy—880 Old Military Road
- First United Methodist Church—North 9th Street & Pine Street
- Goza Middle School—1305 Caddo Street
- River Ridge Pizza & Ice Cream—2750 Pine Street
- Slim & Shorty's—617 Clinton Street
- Southern Bancorp—601 Main Street
- Third Street Baptist Church—Crawford Street & Third Street

On-campus Drop-off Sites:

- Evans Student Center: Student Development Office

- Evans Student Center: Top of stairs on 2nd floor
- Hickingbotham Hall Lobby