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Local Panera Bread Customers Donate \$5,000 to the Children’s Mercy Lisa Barth Chapel

Panera Bread of Kansas shares the dough through its Community Breadbox program

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – Panera Bread of Kansas, through its Community Breadbox program, donated \$5,000 this month to Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics. The money comes from donations made by Panera Bread customers in Kansas City.

“At Panera Bread, we are committed to our communities and we are proud of the generosity our customers have shown,” said Michelle Cole, franchise spokesperson for Panera Bread of Kansas. “We’re happy to make these donations to help Kansas City residents in need.”

Children’s Mercy will use Panera Bread’s donation to support the Lisa Barth Chapel. The new handicapped-accessible, non-denominational Chapel will be situated in a centralized area and provide patients and families an area for private consultation, quiet space and worship. In addition, literature to comfort and console will available.

“At Children’s Mercy we care not only for the physical health of children but the emotional and spiritual needs of our patients and their families.” Said Kati Dray, Director of Corporate Relations for Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics. “Panera Bread’s generous donation to the Chapel will help us carry on Lisa Barth’s legacy of caring and commitment to children and families in need.”

The Community Breadbox donation program is designed to benefit local organizations. Cash collection boxes are found in each Panera Bread bakery-café, and customers are encouraged to donate their change after each transaction. This program is one aspect of Operation Dough-Nation, Panera Bread’s community service initiative. Also included in this initiative is the Day-End Dough-Nation program, through which Panera Bread locations donate unsold bakery products to local food banks and charities at the end of each day.

About Panera Bread of Kansas

Panera Bread of Kansas operates 29 bakery-café locations in both Kansas and Missouri, including the Kansas City metro area, Wichita, Topeka, Lawrence, Manhattan and St. Joseph. Founded in 1993, Panera Bread of Kansas takes pride in providing great customer service from friendly associates who offer an “everyday oasis” for valued guests. For more information, please visit www.panerakansas.com.

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