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## **Feed Your Spare Change to “Petunia the Pig”**

OMAHA -- Lazlo's Brewery & Grill is honored to host “Petunia the Pig” at their Omaha restaurant location in order to help fight hunger in Nebraska in partnership with the Omaha Food Bank.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, one out of every eight Americans struggles with hunger. In 2007, about 3.9 million households relied upon emergency food from a food pantry one or more times. By the end of 2009, this number is expected to grow.

The owners and employees at Lazlo's Brewery & Grill want to raise awareness about hunger in our own state and reach out to those in need. The restaurant is an annual supporter of Food Bank programs such as Lincoln's “Dine Out to Help Out” and “Empty Bowls Luncheon,” but wanted to go one step further this year. Cue the pig.

The pig, named Petunia the Pig, is a life-size, custom-sculpted piggy bank which not only collects monetary donations for The Food Bank, but makes a big statement by raising awareness about hunger with her notable presence.

Petunia will grace the entryway of Lazlo's Brewery & Grill at 2425 S. 192<sup>nd</sup> Ave from August 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>. For every \$1 donated, \$14 worth of wholesome food is distributed by The Omaha Food Bank to people in seventy-seven Nebraska counties and sixteen western Iowa counties.

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