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UIS sets record food collection for Central Illinois Foodbank

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The University of Illinois Springfield collected a record 6,209 pounds of food — 40 percent more than last year — for the Central Illinois Foodbank as part of the 2009 Holiday Stars Project.

On Thursday, student volunteers from UIS helped fill a truck from the food bank.

“We’re hearing at the volunteer center every week from food pantries where the donations are down this year, so it’s wonderful donations are up here at UIS to help people in our area,” said Kelly Thompson, director of the UIS Volunteer and Civic Engagement Center.

Students kicked off the month-long food drive through a “Trick or Eat” competition Halloween night, which collected more than 4,000 pounds of food.

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