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Subject: CAM and Caring Americans Thrift Store to Host Summer Bash June 30

Christian Action Ministries and Caring Americans Thrift Store will host the CAM Summer Bash Friday, June 30, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Caring Americans Thrift Store in Branson West. The public is invited to attend this free, carnival-themed event; donations are encouraged.

CAM Summer Bash will feature complimentary barbecue items, watermelon, carnival games with prizes, a bounce house, an appearance by the southern Stone County firetruck and sales on thrift store items!

"We are excited to officially usher in summer with the CAM Summer Bash," said Elizabeth Hughes, CAM executive director. "This event celebrates summer, kids and making a difference in our area."

Caring Americans Thrift Store exists to help those that change lives. It does this by holding monthly fundraising events in support of nonprofit organizations in Stone and Taney counties. Caring Americans designated CAM as its "Charity of the Month," so half of all profits raised in June will go to Christian Action Ministries.

"Caring Americans is honored to partner with CAM and the community for a fun time and a great cause," said Jeremy Storment, Caring Americans operations director.

Currently, CAM is raising money for its Summer Hunger Relief for Taney County Children. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that *11,306 youth ages 0-18 live at or below poverty level in Taney County.*

The Summer Hunger Relief project provides children of Taney County facing food insecurity with 4 days' worth of food per month (12 days' worth total over summer break) when they are out of school, not receiving school lunches or help through the backpack program. Last year during summer break (May 15-August 15), 2,857 children received 4 days' worth of food through CAM.

"Summer hunger is a very real issue for Taney County kids, and it will take all of us working together to fill this gap," Hughes said. "Please join us for the CAM Summer Bash as we celebrate summer and raise money for a good cause."

If you would like more information on the CAM Summer Bash, please contact Elizabeth at 417-334-1157. For more information on Caring Americans Thrift Store, go to www.caringamericansthiftstore.com.