

## Feeding hungry people and nourishing our communities

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### Key Facts:

- Founded in 1977, Gleaners is one of the oldest and largest food banks in the country. Gleaners is proud to be a founding member of Feeding America and the Food Bank Council of Michigan.
- Gleaners distributes donated and purchased food to more than 550 schools, soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, senior homes and other partner agencies that feed hungry people.
- Over two thirds of Gleaners' food – about 29 million pounds annually – is distributed at no cost to our partner agencies. The rest is provided at a shared maintenance fee of 18 cents per pound (which helps offset the costs of handling and transportation) and through our purchased food program.
- Of every dollar donated, Gleaners uses 94 cents for food and food programs. One dollar provides three meals for a hungry neighbor.
- Gleaners is governed by a board of directors and an advisory board comprised of civic and business leaders and partner agency representatives.
- Gleaners food distribution, past five years:

	Pounds distributed	Meals equivalent
2013	41,601,477	34,762,965
2012	46,735,852	38,946,543
2011	40,467,000	33,722,500
2010	36,941,561	30,784,634
2009	32,899,846	27,416,538

- Gleaners has nearly 100 employees at five locations in Detroit, Pontiac, Howell, Taylor and Warren. Additionally, over 48,000 volunteers annually help Gleaners fulfill its mission of feeding hungry people in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, and Monroe counties.

### *Our Mission*

**Gleaners Community Food Bank, with broad community support, fights hunger in southeastern Michigan. In collaboration with our member agencies, the Feeding America network, and our program partners, we provide millions of pounds of donated and purchased food to people in need.**

*In so doing, Gleaners is committed to distributing high quality food. Through education and advocacy, we will reduce reliance on the emergency food system.*

*Gleaners adopts best practices and cost effective systems and procedures to achieve the highest possible return on its human and financial resources. Gleaners fulfills its role with a sense of compassion and urgency while nourishing, sustaining and advancing hope in our community.*