GLEANERS HARVEST

FALL 2007

Blueprint to End Hunger Offers Solutions to Cure Hunger Here

Bittersweet Farm Provides Food for Hungry People

Empowering People to Make Good Choices About Food & Health

Detroit Duck Derby Exciting Fall Benefit!

Mary Harris, Gleaners volunteer and client, is interviewed by WDIV-TV. (story on pg. 5)
Celebrate GLEANERS’ 30th BIRTHDAY!
Gleaners sets anniversary goal of 10 million more meals this year

WHAT WE DO
We collect 25 million pounds of food every year — either donated from major food processors, retail chains and volunteer food drives or purchased at deep discounts to fill out the nutritional and quantity requirements of those we serve.

We distribute food for 275,000 meals every week — to more than 400 partner agencies in six southeastern Michigan counties through our five distribution centers. Those partner agencies include shelters, soup kitchens, food pantries and senior citizen centers that provide prepared meals or pantry supplies directly to hungry people.

We fill hunger gaps for 6,800 children through programs such as Operation Frontline, Kids Café, KidSnack, and Kids Helping Kids. These programs provide meals to children in after-school programs, snacks to children in schools in high-need areas, and get young people involved in volunteer work and philanthropy.

And we raise awareness — of the causes of hunger, of the people making a difference in fighting hunger, and of the issues that still remain as we feed our hungry neighbors.

HOW WE DO IT
We have outstanding relationships with companies in the food processing industry — including the Detroit Produce Terminal and others.

We have a very efficient, technologically advanced system to collect, store and distribute food with very little waste through five strategically located distribution centers in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties.

We have a professional staff and 14,000 dedicated volunteers who are committed to our mission of ending hunger.

We deliver almost half of our food free. The other half is distributed through a shared maintenance program with our member partners. Their contribution of 10¢ per pound of food offsets the costs of transporting, handling and purchasing food. It assures our member partners that they will get all the food they need, when they need it, rather than getting whatever is available through recent food donations.
When my family moved to Michigan seven years ago, joining the board of directors of the Food Bank of Oakland County seemed like a wonderful way to jumpstart my new life in Bloomfield Hills, form new friendships and volunteer my time to an organization whose core mission was so simple — to feed hungry people. Having three children of my own, I couldn’t imagine what it must be like to hear the cries of hungry children and witness their dreams go as unfulfilled as their small stomachs. When my family moved to Michigan I had two elderly parents. I couldn’t imagine my mother having to choose between the many medications my father needed every day or food to sustain the two of them.

The last seven years have flown by, and I have been honored to be part of a successful merger of two food banks with one mission. I have had the opportunity to work with the most passionate group of people I have ever met. And finally, I have learned that providing emergency food requires good planning and hard work.

As I begin my term as Board Chair of Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, I invite and implore you to join me. The journey is compelling and the mission is still simple: feed our hungry neighbors.

Sincerely,
Pat Berwanger
Board Chair

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Letter from our President

Dear Fellow Gleaners,

In Southeast Michigan poverty in every county continues to increase at double-digit rates, foreclosures are hitting record highs, and there seems to be no end in sight.

It’s time for us to minimize the desperation of our working poor families and hungry neighbors.

The good news is that we aren’t starting from scratch. Based on a national plan, the Food Bank Council of Michigan has developed a Blueprint to End Hunger that helps get us on the right track in Michigan. A summary of this important work can be found on page two.

And with your help, we can truly impact people’s lives. Read Sara’s success story on page four and Mary’s success story on page five. Both are amazing women who have worked hard with the help you’ve given them.

We have many of the answers we need to make a difference. And you can nourish our community — and literally save lives — with your support of Gleaners. Thank you!

Best Regards,
Agostinho “Augie” Fernandes
President

Letter from our Board Chair
Hunger is here. That we know. One in ten people in Michigan will ask for emergency food assistance this year. They will come from every county and every kind of community – urban, suburban and rural. The causes are complex and a plan to cure hunger must have many elements to address them all. That’s why in May Gleaners joined the Food Bank Council of Michigan to endorse a four-stage plan called Blueprint to End Hunger.

In short, Blueprint to End Hunger suggests that we have the tools necessary to end hunger, but we are not fully using them. “We hope to infuse new interest in the issue of hunger,” said Jane Marshall, executive director of the Food Bank Council of Michigan. “Food is such a basic need; before children can learn in school or before people can be productive in the workforce, and before we can be economically viable, we need to have a well-nourished community.”

As it released Blueprint the Food Bank Council also distributed a county-by-county report that showed a 37% difference between the number of meals needed by low-income people and the number actually provided by all government programs and nonprofit service agencies.

Based on the poverty-level population, the statistics show “a tremendous gap,” Marshall said, “nearly 500 million meals missed a year.”

Blueprint calls on every segment of the community to cure hunger – government, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, the food industry, other private businesses and individuals. “Everyone has a role to play,” said Pat Berwanger, the new chair of Gleaners Board of Directors. “Gleaners is committed to doing its share. It is described in our strategic plan and is being put into action every day.”

Blueprint to End Hunger follows a similar national plan released in 2004 that projected the United States could cut hunger and food insecurity in half by 2010 and to end hunger by 2015. Fundamental to the strategy is to more closely knit together existing food resources so that fewer hungry people fall through the cracks.

Find a link to the complete document in PDF format at www.gcfb.org/harvest.
In Michigan

One in ten people are using emergency food programs. A 37% gap exists between meals needed by all programs and meals needed to feed hungry people. (source: Blueprint to End Hunger)

Across the U.S. — 35 million Americans live in households where there is not enough to eat each day.

The cost of not curing hunger in America is estimated at $90 billion per year. (source: The Economic Cost Of Domestic Hunger, 2007, Sodexho Foundation, www.helpstophunger.org)

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Outgoing Chair to Fill Development Chair Role at Gleaners

I don’t have to tell you that we are facing tough economic times in Michigan. More than 1 in 9 Michigan families are expected to seek food assistance this coming year, including many who never thought they would be on the receiving end of such help.

But while Michigan is regularly portrayed near the bottom of the list of healthy states, the response of our community helping our hungry neighbors puts Michigan near the top.

Last year the number of donors to Gleaners increased by over 28%. It seemed a holiday miracle when in December Gleaners received over $1,000,000 in donations, the vast majority of that amount coming from thousands and thousands of $25, $50 and $100 checks. Among our donations was an envelope with a few dollars inside, sent by a food recipient with an apology for not being able to donate more.

There was a $20,000 gift from a Gleaners staff member who earns a modest income. There was a gift from the parents of a soldier lost in Iraq, because he would have wanted to help.

In a year when national donor revenue for the social service sector as a whole decreased 12% nationally, Gleaners saw a 27% revenue increase. Far from being downtrodden, the people of Michigan are inspiring — leaders in their generous response to feeding hungry people in our state.

But even with the increased donations, and even operating at a remarkable 96.3% efficiency with donated dollars, Gleaners still ran a slight budget deficit. This is because Gleaners, like the people of Michigan, has stepped up in response to the growing regional demand for food assistance. We have increased direct support of our 400+ agency partners who have seen a spike in the number of clients they feed. We have expanded client choice pantries, a grocery store-styled environment simultaneously providing those in need with greater food choices and greater dignity. We have improved the nutritional quality and balance of our distributed food — significantly increasing the amount of food we purchase.

Gleaners leverages state-of-the-art technology, business-savvy warehouse and distribution operations, and a dedicated staff of professionals to deliver over 25 million pounds of food annually throughout southeastern Michigan. But the need is still growing, and Gleaners must increase its financial resources to meet that need.

With the continued generosity of the people of this great state — including you — we certainly will meet that challenge.

Thank you for your support.

Ned Greenberg
Development Chair
“Eating Healthy” Class Leads to Better Meals for Less Money

When you are stuck in a difficult situation it takes courage to make a change – even if all you do is sign up for a simple cooking class called “Eating Healthy.” And so it was for Sara Young, a 27-year old Port Huron woman. She was just getting by on a fixed income with only $155 per month for food. “I wasn’t good at budgeting my money at all,” said Young. “I used to just do TV dinners and sit in front of the television.”

Although she lives alone, Young spends much of her time at the Blue Water Clubhouse in Port Huron, a center authorized by the St. Clair County Community Mental Health agency for anyone recovering from a mental illness. And that’s where she decided to take the cooking class taught by Gleaners as part of its Operation Frontline.

In the year since the class, Young has both reined in her budget and improved her food habits—giving her a whole new outlook on meal preparation. “The class focused on how to cook healthy meals, how to cook low-budget meals, how to shop for a single person and how to budget your money,” said Young. “They used some recipes that I really enjoyed. The meals were really good and really nutritious.”

Operation Frontline is a Gleaners outreach program designed to cure hunger in part through education. Frontline classes are taught in the kitchen by professional chefs and nutritionists who volunteer to teach low-income adults and children. In the five years that Gleaners has run Operation Frontline, approximately 1,000 people have taken the classes, which meet once a week for six weeks.

Young particularly enjoyed the hands-on learning experience, and eating the meal students prepared at the end of each class. She also went home with a cookbook that included recipe ideas for a low budget. “I have learned to experiment with the recipes,” she said. “There is life after Minute Rice.”

[Operation Frontline classes are coordinated by Rachelle Bonelli. She can be reached at 313-923-3535 ext 230.]
Mary Alice Harris makes her way around southwest Detroit by bus. In a given week, she might get to four or five different food pantries to supplement a $600-a-month S.S.I. income check—half of which goes for low-income rent in a seniors’ apartment complex. Her grocery bags are small and city bus trips are long and since Harris doesn’t drive, or even walk much after she became disabled, securing enough food requires almost daily trips to a network of food pantries to get through the week.

“It’s really hard especially for people on fixed incomes,” Harris said. “Food pantries keep a lot of people from starving to death.”

While Harris’s circumstances appear dire, she feels lucky. She knows what real desperation feels like. At one time she was on drugs and homeless for over a year, until she landed a job as a security guard at Scott Memorial United Methodist church, ten miles from her present apartment. She started rebuilding her life, and after seven years on the job at the church, she was able to move to another security job that she held until disability forced her to retire a year or two ago.

“Being blessed means blessing others in need, too,” says the 61-year-old. She is still a member of Scott Memorial, where she tries to keep up with her tithe. And she is a volunteer as well as a client at her own church’s food pantry, watching out for other seniors in her building who are even less mobile than she is.

When she’s not helping out at Scott Memorial’s food pantry, Harris sometimes helps Sister Eileen Lantzy, OSM, the manager of Loaves and Fishes food pantry at All Saints Catholic Church on Fort Street, which is closer to her home. Lantzy says she has witnessed a considerable rise in the number of people coming to the pantry as the Michigan economy continues its slump.

“A lot of elderly people and a lot of families that have never been in before are coming in now. The numbers have just jumped,” Lantzy said. She explained that she maintains a database of about 3,500 people who have ever come to the pantry. These days, Lantzy is seeing 50 new people every time she opens the doors. “These are new people coming into the system,” Lantzy said, “and the money coming into our organizations to run the pantries is not going up significantly in relation to recent cutbacks in food stamps.”

Lantzy agrees with Blueprint to End Hunger when it recommends better use of existing programs, such as food stamps. She supports a new initiative to electronically recertify food stamp applications to help people such as Harris, who still hasn’t enrolled for food stamps. Harris, as many others, have trouble enrolling and re-enrolling because getting around requires so much transportation. “Our drive is to get all the seniors signed up for food stamps,” Lantzy said. “If we document that we have all this hunger, but we don’t have the seniors sign up for food stamps, that doesn’t look so good.”

Food Pantries Fill Critical Need for Seniors

Blueprint to End Hunger calls for better use of federal programs

Right: Mary Harris helps unpack pantry food rations with Sister Eileen Lantzy

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McGowan said.

Bob McGowan and his wife Barbara bought a farm north of Clarkston 17 years ago, and they’ve been giving it away—row by row—ever since.

The historic homestead called Bittersweet Farm sits just a mile off Interstate 75. You find it a few hundred yards beyond where the steady advance of the pavement for new subdivisions dissolves into an old dirt road along a marsh.

On the 18-acre spread, shaded by black and Carpathian walnut trees and centuries-old oaks, is a peat-rich pond and the buildings of a dairy farm that was in the Clark family—the city’s founders—as far back as Michigan’s statehood in 1837.

The land’s serene, Walden-like charm appealed to McGowan, who was preparing to wind down both his career as an advertising/marketing executive and its requisite commute to Southfield. But that was not enough.

“We wanted to grow organic vegetables to feed hungry people,” said McGowan. He took his idea to the local gardeners’ group. They embraced it and soon the growing seasons brought committed volunteers to the Farm’s 10,000-square-foot community garden. The seasonal yields were donated to social service agencies in Pontiac, and then directly to the Food Bank of Oakland County.

Although the Farm’s original base of volunteers is largely gone, McGowan maintains it with the help of horticulturalist Jim Tesnar and people who volunteer on weekends to earn community service credit required to become a master gardener. He has doubled the size of the garden, and last year it produced literally a ton of organic vegetables.

Bittersweet Farm is also a member of “Plant a Row for the Hungry,” which McGowan said “encourages people to grow an extra row of vegetables in their gardens and contribute it to food banks to help feed hungry people.” McGowan is a master gardener himself and this year he was also named 2007 Scotts Miracle-Gro Good Neighbor Gardener of the Year.

Everything that McGowan has done represents a remarkable effort, but McGowan, who is on the board of Gleaners, puts it all in perspective when he said, “Part of it was that you only keep what you share, and you only really have what you give away. I think it is important to share what you have, and this is a good way to share the farm.”

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When it comes to healthy food choices, Gleaners is leading the way with key partnerships and initiatives focused on a healthier community. Here are some examples.

**Food and Fitness**
Gleaners is a Detroit partner in W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s new Food and Fitness Initiative, designed to help communities embrace both active living and healthy eating. The Kellogg Foundation awarded $500,000 to the Detroit collaborative planning the initiative. [Find out more at www.gcfb.org/harvest.]

**EarthWorks Urban Garden**
Gleaners and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen jointly manage 3/4 of an acre of gardens near their Detroit operations. Last year, the EarthWorks Garden produced more than 6,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables and over 1,000 pounds of honey. EarthWorks also provides hands-on education in nutrition and the relationship between farming and food found on our tables at home. [Find out more at www.gcfb.org/harvest.]

**Seniors and Nutrition**
As the senior citizen population in southeast Michigan grows, Gleaners is working to create a healthy food program that meets the specific nutritional needs of the elderly. Among the ideas for the initiative is a ‘client choice pantry’ where seniors can meet dietary restrictions by selecting the foods they want and need.

**MSU Extension**
Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County teaches low-income families about budgeting, healthy food choices and food safety. The agency partners with public health and WIC, schools, food stamp offices and emergency food services in this educational effort.

**Farm Bureau**
The Michigan Farm Bureau, consisting of more than 200,000 members in 67 counties, is reaching out to Gleaners and other food banks to provide healthy, nutritious food. Michigan’s food banks have become the charity of choice for the philanthropic donations from the Farm Bureau.

**Oakwood Hospital**
Gleaners has joined with Oakwood Healthcare System to adapt a system to assess the nutritional value of the food it provides. The nutritional rankings will be displayed on Gleaners’ shopping lists.
School children across Michigan might celebrate the start of summer, but the end of the school year leaves hundreds of thousands of parents wondering where their child’s next lunch will come from. 645,000 Michigan children receive free or reduced-cost lunches during the school year, and 85% of them aren’t able to take advantage of government-sponsored summer meals. One reason is simply that children’s programs that serve meals aren’t as plentiful as schools, so most children are not enrolled in them.

Gleaners took a bold step to provide meals for those children year-round, by setting a goal of raising $250,000 — or 4,000 lunches per day. “Just $26 buys lunches for one child all summer,” said Augie Fernandes, president of Gleaners. “How can you say ‘No’ to a child when so little will make such a huge difference?”

Gleaners got help from Huntington Bank, The PrivatBank and media partner WJBK-TV, Fox2 and others. The banks promoted the campaign in their lobbies and customer statements. The Detroit Free Press, Fox2 and WWJ-Newsradio 950 provided news coverage, while Fox2 added public service announcements.

Volunteers from the two banks and many others prepared lunches for the effort and the Salvation Army provided huge help distributing them to agencies throughout southeast Michigan. Gleaners and the Salvation Army are also working together to help more agencies receive federal assistance to serve free lunches. “A good meal is a good meal for a child, no matter where it comes from,” said Fernandes. “If we can shake loose some federal dollars for summer lunches, then our donated food goes even further, and everybody gains.”

Said Augie Fernandes, “How can you say ‘No’ to a child when so little will make such a huge difference?”
New Computer Package
Keeps Warehouse Efficiency High

In the food business, freshness matters. With literally tons of food arriving and leaving Gleaners every day, bar codes and a computerized inventory system have been essential for more than ten years. On the first of July, the latest versions of scanners and software were put into place to help track donations and fill food orders from partner agencies. Nelson Frederickson has been working with Gleaners since he installed the first bar code scanners in 1996.

He says the new system—which was developed specifically for food banks—will give Gleaners a tighter control of its inventory, making sure perishable donations are shipped and on the plates of hungry people before their expiration dates.

Manager of Gleaners Taylor Distribution Center, Chino Rodriguez checks out the new bar code scanners with consultant Nelson Frederickson.

Southeastern Michigan Letter Carriers Deliver Big to “Stamp Out Hunger”

America’s largest one-day food drive, “Stamp Out Hunger” collected more than 70.7 million pounds of food donations this spring. The U.S Postal Service and Campbell’s Soup worked together to promote the event in which letter carriers collected food donations as they delivered mail on Saturday, May 12. All 50 states participated in the effort.

Letter carriers from Southeastern Michigan collected approximately 1.1 million pounds of food. With all of the support from the general public and companies, it is no wonder this year’s “Stamp Out Hunger” drive was such a success!

M*A*S*H/MAZON
JOIN THE MICHIGAN ALLIANCE TO STOP HUNGER

A dozen years ago agencies dedicated to ending hunger formed a group to help strengthen their messages across the state. The spirit of that initiative lives on today in Michigan Alliance to Stop Hunger, or M*A*S*H.

M*A*S*H welcomes anyone interested in the mission to stop hunger to join its monthly teleconference discussions.

M*A*S*H remains successful today with a large thanks to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. With contributions from the American Jewish community, MAZON makes grants to M*A*S*H and other organizations to end hunger within the United States. Find links to more information on MAZON and M*A*S*H at www.gcfb.org/harvest.

Michigan Harvest Gathering Launches in September

Every year, Michigan’s 13 food banks collaborate on a fundraising campaign that benefits all of them, as well as their 2,500 local partners serving each of the 83 counties in Michigan. In all they provide more than 52 million meals every year. By donating to Michigan Harvest Gathering, you help feed hungry people across all of Michigan. Find more information at www.gcfb.org/harvest.
You can help feed hungry children by “adopting” rubber ducks for $5 each as raffle tickets. $25 packages include 2 tickets to our annual Fall Benefit, which will be a fun, family barbecue with games and other activities. The Duck Derby will be part of the festivities.

At race time, we drop the ducks in a waterway near the Belle Isle Casino and they “race” to the finish line.

• First Duck: $5,000 cash
• Second Duck: $1,500 cash
• Third Duck: $1,000 shopping spree at Somerset Collection—sponsored by Somerset Collection
• Fourth Duck: Dinner for Four at Coach Insignia ($400 value)—sponsored by Coach Insignia
• Fifth Duck: $250 cash prize—sponsored by Bassett Family Chiropractic
• 30th Duck: (honoring Gleaners’ 30th anniversary)—Revitalize Day Spa Package
• Winners also have a chance to win $1,000,000!

All proceeds go to feed hungry kids and families in the Detroit area.

Details and complete rules online at: www.DetroitDuckDerby.org or call Deborah Dillard, 1-866-GLEANER, Ext. 260. ddillard@gcfb.org

Thank you for feeding hungry kids and families!

Detroit Duck Derby is made possible with the support of:

- DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund
- Jeep

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Bernie’s Golf Outing

The 3rd annual Bernie Smilovitz Celebrity Golf Classic, a benefit that brings celebrities, golfers, and the community together, was a huge success, raising $173,400. Golfers received VIP treatment throughout the day: an on-green masseuse offered players a stress-reducing chair massage, and Epoch Restaurant Group prepared gourmet goodies at a number of holes.

The Live and Silent Auction raised over $30,000, with popular items such as sitting in on a Piston’s practice with Joe Dumars and a New York City trip to watch the NBC Nightly News, tour the studio and meet Brian Williams garnering top bids. The Brian Williams Package created fierce competition between two bidders.

Bernie Smilovitz saved the day by calling Williams, who agreed to let both bidders donate $5,000 a piece for the package.

Anne Thompson of NBC Nightly News, WJR’s Steve Courtney, Adventure Chef Keith Famie, former Detroit Tiger Dan Petry, and Farmington Hills Chief of Police Bill Dwyer all hit the links with other celebrities to support GCFB’s Summer Lunches for Children Campaign. WDIV’s Carmen Harlan, Paula Tutman, and Chuck Gaidica showed their support by taking turns offering players a cool drink from their beverage cart.

Road Food: Big Beaver and Beyond

Dozens of businesses along or near Big Beaver Road took part in this year’s Big Beaver and Beyond Food Fight, which was dedicated to the memory of Madeline Kafoury of Gordon Advisors. Individual companies or teams of companies got together to see who could collect the most donated food for Gleaners. When it’s all counted, organizers expect to have collected food and contributions for 200,000 meals for hungry people.

Ford Golf Outing Nets $70,000 for Gleaners

Every year since 1999 the Ford Interior and Electrical Purchasing Department has organized a golf outing to benefit Gleaners. Tickets and sponsorships are sold within the Ford organization and its suppliers. This year’s event netted $70,732 for Gleaners. Thank you Ford Purchasing!

Livingston County Succeeds with $150,000 ‘Food For Thought’ Campaign

Distributions of emergency food have gone up dramatically over the last five years in Livingston County — giving supporters of Gleaners’ work there plenty of “Food For Thought.” They organized a special campaign through fiscal year 2007 and raised an additional $150,000 from people who live in the county. Gleaners especially thanks community leader Lauraine Hoensheid; Pet Supplies Plus co-founder Jack Berry; and the co-owners of Todd’s Services Landscaping, Todd and Kurt LaButte, who helped to make the campaign a success.
Local artist Jennifer McCall created this comic strip for kids of all ages to read and learn about food banking and helping their hungry neighbors. Watch for Canman in each issue of the Gleaners Harvest!
September 15
Detroit Duck Derby (Belle Isle) Gleaners’ annual Fall Benefit moves to Belle Isle in order to host Detroit's first Duck Derby to feed Our Hungry Neighbors. For $5 per duck you can “adopt” one or a whole flock of ducks — each giving you a chance to win a prize. See the story on page 10 of this magazine.

September 26
Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce
Vine & Dine (Cranbrook Institute of Science) A food, wine, and fashion festival in a unique setting with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Gleaners.

September 28–30
Not Your Mothers Apron Challenge and Benefit, (Rock Financial Showplace, Novi) Join the fun at the American Sewing Expo by casting your vote for your favorite ”Not Your Mother’s Apron” on display there. Each vote costs $1 and will be donated directly to Gleaners.

October 1–12
Oakland Press Food Drive (various) This is the fifth annual Oakland Press Food Drive and there will be food drop-off sites throughout the county.

November 8
Presidents’ Dinner, Gleaners Community Food Bank honors its most generous supporters at this invitation-only event.

November 11 – January 7
Check Out Hunger (Area Grocery Stores) Purchase a coupon at the register of participating grocery stores throughout Southeast Michigan and add $1, $3, or $5 to your grocery bill to help feed our hungry neighbors. For more information contact Erica Karfonta at (313) 923-3535 ext. 331.

November 18
Birdie Day Golf and Birdie Day Ball Drop (Participating Livingston County Golf Courses) Participants can get a free round of golf for bringing a frozen turkey and buy a chance to win $1,000. Weather permitting, numbered golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter onto the practice green. Closest balls to the hole win prizes.

TBA
Carving Out Hunger (Gleaners Detroit Distribution Center) Charter One Foundation purchases Thanksgiving food for Gleaners’ partner agencies, and volunteers from Charter One Bank will help distribute them.

December
Bring your company, service club, soccer team, scrapping group or just a group of friends to Gleaners for an end-of-the-year holiday get together. Share a meal, tour the high-tech food distribution center and enjoy our hospitality. Call Maria Luisa Belmonte at 866.453.2637 ext. 229 for scheduling and pricing information.

Opa! Fest Feeds Hungry Families

People who brought canned goods to donate to Gleaners were admitted free to this year’s Opa! Fest at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy. The church collected more than 4,000 pounds of food from generous attendees. People who came with food to share also had plenty of good food and entertainment to enjoy themselves.
Gleaners volunteers and board members would enjoy meeting with you and your service club, church group, book club or other organization to present Gleaners’ story of meeting the needs of hungry people.

Contact us today to schedule a Gleaners’ speaker to tell the story about hunger using a PowerPoint slide show—or “unplugged”—depending on the needs of your group.

Call Erica Karfonta at 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 272 for more information.

Almost 300 gentlemen enjoyed a gourmet dinner and a round of poker, pool and other tournament games during Gentlemen’s Night Out last April. Toyota Motors was the primary sponsor.

A big thank you to Mike Acheson, Steve Lawson, Ed Bahoura and our friends at the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce, who helped Gleaners net close to $30,000 from the event.

It was two weeks before the first ever Hungry Duck Run in Brighton, and organizers worried they wouldn’t have enough runners. A half-hour before the race, they worried about the aid stations. Fifteen minutes before the start the rain arrived in a great downpour. No matter.

The cloudburst blew over and almost 500 runners ran or walked the 5K and half marathon distances through the rolling Livingston County countryside, raising more than $10,000 for Gleaners.

The run was followed by the Brighton Fourth of July Parade and a rubber duck race in the Mill Pond. Committee member Julie Easton summed it up precisely. “It exceeded all our expectations.”
Each $1 donation helps Gleaners feed one hungry senior citizen for one day.

You can make a difference!

There are many ways you can join our effort —

Every hour you volunteer helps keep our costs low. Volunteers sort and pack millions of pounds of food for us every year. And they help Gleaners hold events and share our mission with others.

1 SEND A CHECK:
Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan
2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207.

7 PROVIDE A MEMORIAL OR TRIBUTE GIFT FOR A SPECIAL OCCasion:
Bridgett Lomax, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 249

2 CALL IN A CREDIT CARD OR INSTALLMENT GIFT:
Lisa Walker, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 241

8 LEAVE A LEGACY:
Gerry Brisson, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 246, or gbrisson@gcfb.org

3 DONATE ONLINE:
www.gcfb.org

9 IF YOUR COMPANY CAN CONTRIBUTE:
Darlene Paulauski, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 242, or dpaulauski@gcfb.org

4 VOLUNTEER:
Call the volunteer coordinator at the distribution center nearest you.
   Detroit  Fred Anthony – 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 239
   Warren  Gleaners Joan & Wayne Webber Distribution Center
           Deborah Dillard – 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 222
   Taylor  Alma Perez – 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 221
   Pontiac Nancy Knop – 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 407
   Howell  Michelle Ounanian – 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 335

5 TRANSFER STOCK:
Ask your broker to contact Tom Murphy, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 233.

6 ASK YOUR EMPLOYER FOR A MATCHING GIFT:
Tell your employer you donated to Gleaners and request a matching gift. If your company does not have a matching gift program, ask about starting one.

PLEASE REMEMBER:
Your donation is 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan is a 501(c)(3) organization. Individuals, married couples, and businesses may claim 50% of their cash donations to Gleaners on their Michigan Income Tax Return as a tax credit for contributions to homeless shelters and food banks. Individuals may claim 50% of gifts up to $200; married couples filing jointly may claim 50% of gifts up to $400; and businesses may claim 50% of gifts up to $10,000. Please consult your tax advisor before making a claim.

Community Foundation Endowment Challenge
The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan currently offers a matching contribution for every gift of $1,000 or more to the Gleaners’ endowment fund. The offer expires when the Community Foundation’s matching gift funds for all charities in the region are claimed, so this is the time to give. Generous donors have already increased Gleaners’ endowment by $405,000 as a result of the challenge match. Your contribution will be a great help — doubling its effect immediately.

Community Foundation
Endowment Challenge
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Please remember:
Your donation is 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan is a 501(c)(3) organization. Individuals, married couples, and businesses may claim 50% of their cash donations to Gleaners on their Michigan Income Tax Return as a tax credit for contributions to homeless shelters and food banks. Individuals may claim 50% of gifts up to $200; married couples filing jointly may claim 50% of gifts up to $400; and businesses may claim 50% of gifts up to $10,000. Please consult your tax advisor before making a claim.
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Gleaners thanks AT&T and Verizon for helping us and our partners bring our computer systems, telephones and related systems up to date — making Gleaners and its partners one of the most efficient food distribution systems anywhere. We provide 19 million meals every year. Technology helps 96.3 cents of every dollar go directly to meals and programs that help hungry people.

Gleaners thanks the United Way and everyone who contributes to the United Way directly or through the companies they work for.

We appreciate United Way’s commitment to providing for the basic needs of our community through partnerships, grants and other community-wide efforts and for being a long-term partner with Gleaners in the fight against hunger in Southeastern Michigan.

Gleaners is grateful for the support it receives from United Way. And every $1 Gleaners receives from contributions through the Torch Drive, as well as those from United Way grants, feeds a hungry neighbor for a day. Hundreds of thousands of meals will be served this year through the support of the United Way and those who give generously to the Torch Drive.