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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Power Happy Hour Set for March 31<sup>st</sup>

Metro Detroit's Community, Business and Civic Leaders Raise Their Glasses to Provide One Million Meals for Children

(DETROIT, MI – February 23, 2015)— On March 31, 2015, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan (Gleaners) celebrates the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Women's Power Happy Hour presented by Michigan.com at the retro-styled restaurant The Zenith inside the Fisher Building. Beginning at 5:30PM metro Detroit's powerful female business, civic, and community leaders will enjoy special libations, hearty appetizers and a silent auction; enjoying an evening of socializing while showing their support to raise ONE MILLION MEALS for hungry children.

The Women's Power Happy Hour begins Gleaners' month-long Million Meal Match campaign – culminating on April 30, 2015.

Two of metro Detroit's renowned fashion and jewelry designers – **Dominic Pangborn and Link Wachler** – lent Gleaners their time and talent, creating exclusive pieces in support this year's events. Pangborn designed the Women's Power Pangborn Scarf, a 12" x 60" silk scarf; Wachler created a bracelet with a hand-etched pewter charm. Both can be purchased online now and will be available for purchase at the Happy Hour and Power Breakfast.

Guests will have the chance to bid on an assortment of auction items, including: weekend getaways; dining, entertainment and sporting experiences; one-of-a-kind fashion and décor items and spa packages. Party patrons can sample three of The Zenith's signature drinks while relishing a variety of special hors d'oeuvres.

"The economy has improved, yet one of every four children in southeast Michigan still faces the prospect of not getting enough food to eat every day," said Gerry Brisson, president of Gleaners. "Because child hunger can have life-long negative effects, it is so important for us to reach kids now with the nutrition they need to be successful later in life. These one million meals will reach children with the food they need to grow, learn and thrive. I'm so grateful to all the powerful women and our corporate sponsors who are stepping up to help meet our goal."

This year's Happy Hour Chairs are Community Leader Karen Mazo and Dawn Rassel of Birmingham's Max Broock Realtors; Happy Hour co-chairs are Ideal Group Chief Marketing Officer Linzie Venegas and Paige Lustig, Director of Advertising at Hamilton Woodlynne Publishing.

To purchase tickets for the Women's Power Happy Hour and/or the Women's Power Breakfast visit www.womenspowerbreakfast.org.

The Zenith is located inside the Fisher Building – 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit 48202

The Women's Power Happy Hour and Power Breakfast are supported by: PNC Bank, the GM Foundation, The Suburban Collection, Ford, Quicken Loans.

## About Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan (Gleaners):

For over 37 years, Gleaners Community Food Bank has been "feeding hungry people and nourishing our communities." Gleaners helps alleviate hunger by providing the equivalent of nearly 77,000 meals per day to people who otherwise cannot afford the food they need. Headquartered in Detroit, Gleaners operates a total of five distribution centers in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Monroe counties, which provide food to 510 partner soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and other agencies throughout southeastern Michigan. Of every dollar donated, Gleaners uses 94 cents for food and food programs. One dollar provides three meals. Learn more at <a href="https://www.gcfb.org">www.gcfb.org</a>.