

GLEANERS HARVEST



Spring 2008



Dreaming of Full Pallets

Taylor Client Choice Pantry to Open in June

Pastor Amos Humphries, Vice President of Fish & Loaves, pictured above, is working with Gleaners to provide a greater choice of food for Downriver families.

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WHAT WE DO

Collect 26.5 million pounds of food a year, either donated from major food processors, retail chains and volunteer food drives or purchased at deep discounts to meet the dietary requirements of those served.

Distribute food for 392,000 meals every week to more than 400 partner agencies in six southeastern Michigan counties. Partner agencies include shelters, soup kitchens, food pantries and senior citizen centers that provide prepared meals or pantry supplies directly to hungry people.

Feed and educate 12,000 children a year through programs such as Kids Café, KidSnack, Operation Frontline, and Kids Helping Kids. These programs provide hot meals to children in after-school programs, snacks to at-risk children in disadvantaged neighborhoods, and volunteer opportunities for young people to learn about philanthropy.

Inform the community and raise awareness about the causes of hunger, the people making a difference in fighting hunger, and the issues that still remain in feeding hungry neighbors.

HOW WE DO IT

Cultivate outstanding relationships with companies in the food processing industry, including the Detroit Produce Terminal, and others.

Use an 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.

Engage a professional staff and 15,000 dedicated volunteers to advance Gleaners' mission of curing hunger.

Provide the best service possible to our partner agencies. Gleaners delivers almost half of its food — more than 13 million pounds — to partner agencies for free. The other half is distributed through a shared maintenance program where partner contributions of 10¢ per pound of food offset the costs of transporting, handling and purchasing food.



Pewabic Pottery Tile

Letter from our President

Over the past year, Gleaners, like other food banks around the country, experienced a sharp decline in donations from national sources causing a reduction in our food inventories. At the same time, many of our friends and neighbors experienced job loss and foreclosure and now rely on Gleaners and our partners to meet their most basic needs.

I asked you to help us during this recent crisis and you came through in a heroic manner. Thank you for giving your time, talent and resources. Your generosity helped us to build up our inventories and provide over 20 million meals to our hungry neighbors.

Your contributions have made a meaningful difference in this community and have alleviated worries for many

people concerned about not having enough money to buy food to feed their families. I am honored to stand with you in this quest to cure hunger here in southeast Michigan.

Best Regards,



Agostinho "Augie" Fernandes
President



Letter from our Board Chair

As a former member of the board of the Food Bank of Oakland County, I am sometimes asked why I believed so strongly in the merger with Gleaners in 2006. I explain my determination the same each time: I recognized that the merger would increase not only the efficiency of both organizations, but also the amount of food received by our hungry neighbors in Oakland County. Additionally, I was very attracted to the quality and diversity of the volunteer leadership that had attached itself to Gleaners' mission to fight hunger.

Two years later, I'm so proud of our combined board. For example, when Gleaners faced a critical food shortage, the trustees stepped up by reaching out to their friends and associates to ask for help. They also put their own dollars on the table and in one week

raised over \$132,000 to make certain that families, children and seniors had food during the holiday season.

I am thankful for the leadership and guidance my fellow board colleagues continue to demonstrate and feel grateful for the opportunity to serve with them.

Sincerely,



Pat Berwanger
Board Chair



Full Pallets, More Choice for Hungry Downriver Families

Taylor Client Choice Pantry Slated to Open in June



Pastor Amos Humphries of Gilead Baptist Church in Taylor looks forward to the day when stacks of empty blue pallets at the soon-to-be-built Taylor Client Choice Pantry are loaded with food. Until then, folks from Gilead Baptist and 30 other Downriver churches are working together as the collaborative organization Fish & Loaves to make sure food gets to those who need it. The nonprofit group currently sponsors outreach and food distribution events twice a year and makes sure at least one church pantry is open every day of the week.

But Humphries and his Fish & Loaves colleagues want a better, stronger food network for Downriver families. That's why they're partnering with Gleaners Taylor Distribution Center to open the Taylor Client Choice Pantry this summer. Fish & Loaves, through its faith-based volunteer network, will manage day-to-day operations of the pantry — ordering food, stocking shelves, helping customers, and maintaining equipment — while Gleaners will oversee pantry design and construction.

The partnership means that very soon struggling Downriver families will have a choice: a choice *not* to be hungry, and a choice about what food best meets their own family's needs.

Currently, four Downriver churches have emergency food pantries, but, says Humphries, they cannot help with an individual or family's ongoing food needs. "We provide spiritual care and counseling, but we need resources for long-term care and to build a network of support," says Humphries, who saw the number of people using Gilead Baptist's Food Pantry double from 114 to 228 over the past year.

Humphries observes regional joblessness causing a shift in the type of people seeking help. "It used to be more single moms and occasionally men who were homeless. Now we're seeing men with families coming in and asking for food," says Humphries. Strapped families are struggling to meet their basic needs, and many times are one crisis away from losing their cars and their homes.

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—Pastor Amos Humphries

WHAT IS A "CLIENT CHOICE" PANTRY?

The "client choice" concept is a new model for delivering emergency food where clients select their own food, much like a grocery store. The model reduces waste, improves access to food, and provides a dignified setting for families and working poor people to access food and other services.

Studies indicate that client choice pantries are cheaper to operate annually than traditional pantries (where fixed containers of boxed or bagged food are given with little or no choice), providing savings in staff and transportation and, most importantly, eliminating the need for multiple facilities. These savings will be enjoyed at Taylor Client Choice Pantry as it provides food to underserved areas of Downriver, including Taylor, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Southgate, Allen Park and Brownstown.



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Success at Livingston County's Shared Harvest Client Choice Pantry

Shared Harvest is a client choice pantry in Livingston County that opened in 1999 and is jointly operated by Gleaners and a network of 400 volunteers from faith-based organizations. Shared Harvest is one of seven regularly operating pantries in Livingston and accounts for 70 percent of all Gleaners food distributed in that county. A recent independent study on Shared Harvest revealed these results:

90% of clients rate the ability to select needed and desired grocery items as good or very good

95% of pantry customers are able to better use the food chosen and waste less than at a traditional pantry

96% of clients who used other emergency food programs report that Shared Harvest is better than other pantries in terms of their overall experience

97% of pantry customers agree that they are treated with dignity when shopping at the pantry

98% of volunteers say their work at Shared Harvest has made them more aware of community needs

Total estimated annual savings in food distribution costs associated with the Shared Harvest model is \$60,100

Full Pallets (continued from page 3)

Joan Forrest, a Fish & Loaves board member and coordinator of Our Lady of Angels food pantry, says that she has seen an 11 percent increase in the number of people served over the past year. She looks forward to referring individuals and families to the Taylor Client Choice Pantry. "It will be a great supplement for people who are really stretched for food — another place to have their needs met."

Wraparound services operating from the pantry will include Operation Frontline nutrition education programs, food stamp outreach activities, and, eventually, employment education and job training services.

"Taylor Client Choice Pantry has already been a rallying point for the community," says Humphries. "We're creating a new resource for families and the working poor and an outlet for donations and volunteers — a place for Downriver people to help their own neighbors."

Taylor Client Choice Pantry is slated to open in June and will be located on North Line Road, between Beech Daly and Telegraph in Taylor, adjacent to the Gleaners Taylor Distribution Center. For more information, call John Kastler at 866-GLEANER, ext. 240.



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— Joan Forrest

Fish & Loaves Member Churches

Core Churches

Gilead Baptist Church*, Taylor
 Our Lady of Angels
 Catholic Church*, Taylor
 Southminster Presbyterian
 Church, Taylor
 St. Alfred's Catholic Church*, Taylor
 St. John's Lutheran Church, Taylor
 St. Paul United Church
 of Christ, Taylor
 Transfiguration Lutheran
 Church, Taylor

Member Churches

Allen Road Missionary, Taylor
 Apostolic Faith Temple, Taylor
 Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus
 Beacon Baptist Church, Taylor
 Bethany Baptist Church, Romulus
 Bethel Baptist Church, Southgate
 Christ the King Episcopal
 Church, Taylor
 Christian Church of Allen Park
 Community United Methodist,
 Romulus
 Downriver New Covenant, Taylor
 Evangel Baptist Church, Taylor
 First Assembly of God,
 Dearborn Heights

Grace Reformed, Allen Park
 Greater Grace Temple, Taylor
 Harvest Christian Church, Taylor
 Hungarian Reformed Church,
 Allen Park
 Landmark Apostolic, Taylor
 Northline Baptist, Taylor
 Rivers of Living Waters
 Ministries, Taylor
 St. Constance, Taylor
 St. Hugh Catholic Church, Southgate
 Sunset Church of Christ, Taylor
 Westmound United
 Methodist*, Taylor
 Zion Missionary Baptist, Taylor

* currently operates a food pantry



Taste of the NFL Tackles Hunger



Gleaners is grateful to the Taste of the NFL for once again helping to tackle hunger in America. Each year in the Super Bowl host city, Taste of the NFL brings top chefs and restaurateurs together with NFL players and others in what has become a premier Super Bowl event and an important fund raiser for America's Second Harvest.

A portion of the net proceeds from the event is distributed to food banks, including Gleaners, in each of the NFL cities across the country.

Taste of the NFL has raised and distributed more than \$6.8 million to hunger-relief groups since 1992. For more information, visit www.tasteofthenfl.com.

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30th Anniversary Year in Review



Rewind 31 years to when Gleaners first opened. It was March of 1977, and the fledgling food bank distributed 547,462 pounds of food. With a small, largely volunteer staff, Gleaners rented just 9,000 square feet of the Beaufait Street warehouse as a base for food collection and distribution. At that time, 25 agencies and churches were eager to have a reliable source of food for their pantries and soup kitchens.

Now, fast forward to 2008 as this spring marks the stellar end to Gleaners' 30th anniversary year.

Gleaners' long — sometimes smooth, occasionally bumpy — 30-year journey has been filled with many accomplishments. But, the food bank's anniversary year was marked by an exceptional amount of activity, activism and education — all while distributing more than 26.5 million pounds of food to hungry neighbors. Here are some highlights:

Voicing Concerns

Gleaners' board and staff members were actively involved in advocacy in the fight against hunger. Gleaners lobbied for the Farm Bill in Washington, D.C., and helped get the Michigan Agricultural Surplus System (MASS) grant renewed with bipartisan support. To raise awareness of hunger issues in various congressional districts, Gleaners began quarterly distribution of GIS maps to state legislators highlighting the number of meals distributed in their districts.

Promoting Choice

Gleaners continued to promote the "client choice" model for partner food pantries where clients select the foods that are best for their families, instead of receiving a prepacked box or bag. Gleaners' 2007 efforts involved a partnership with Fish & Loaves (see story on page 3) to open a client choice pantry in Taylor this upcoming summer. Thanks to the support of the McGregor Fund, MASCO, Ford Motor Company Fund, Colina Foundation, Charter One Foundation and others, Gleaners has secured \$658,000 toward building and equipment costs of the new pantry.

Moving Volume

Last year, the disparaging state of Michigan's economy — high unemployment, high numbers of foreclosures, and more people moving toward poverty — meant a greater demand from Gleaners' partner agencies that supply food directly to people in need. Managing peak demand, Gleaners provided the equivalent of 20.4 million meals to hungry people — up nearly seven percent from the year prior. When food bank supplies dropped to alarmingly low levels, the community responded with donations of food and dollars. Individuals, like Jack Berry in Livingston County, single-handedly orchestrated campaigns — from compact to grand — to keep shelves stocked and hungry people fed.

Connecting People

Last fall, Gleaners and the United Way established a partnership to make the United Way's 2-1-1 emergency call center a one-stop shop for people or businesses who want to donate food. In 2007, the volume of 2-1-1 calls was the highest ever. As residents began using food money to offset other expenses, food assistance became the most frequent request in Wayne and Oakland counties, and was the second most frequent in Macomb. Gleaners' new partnership with the United Way helps get food to people who need it by allowing anyone who wants to donate food to call one phone number 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

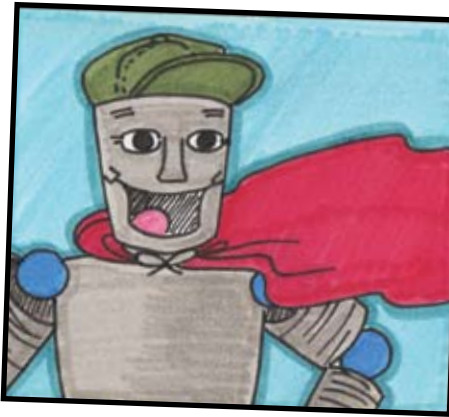


While these are just some of the accomplishments of Gleaners 30th anniversary year, they exemplify Gleaners' readiness to be a leader and a doer in the fight against hunger. As the food bank plunges into 2008 with community need higher than ever, it will continue to work with partner agencies, community collaboratives, foundations, corporations and individuals to create a stronger network for food distribution — always keeping at the forefront its mission to nourish communities by feeding hungry people.

CANMAN

Hey Adults!

Please read this cartoon with the young people in your life. Use the content to teach children about philanthropy and food banking — and to discuss issues of hunger and poverty in our community.



Color Super Can Man!



Partner Profiles

More than 400 “partner” agencies are part of the food bank network that uses Gleaners’ food to directly feed people in need. Partner agencies are diverse in both purpose and size, and include all types of organizations, from a large-scale Kids’ Cafe that serves warm meals to more than 50 impoverished youth five evenings a week to dozens of tiny emergency food pantries located in churches and community centers.

Starting in this issue of *Harvest*, we will profile our partner agencies so you can learn about the wide variety of organizations that rely on Gleaners’ food — and about the good work they do in our neighborhoods and communities.

OAKLAND COUNTY **Completion House** **(Turning Point), Pontiac**

Completion House is a treatment center for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts.

According to supervisor Jim Collins, Gleaners’ food is used to provide three square meals a day to clients who are part of Completion House’s residential

and transitional housing programs.

Approximately 60–70 percent of the food needed at the agency’s two Pontiac sites comes from Gleaners. Without it, Completion House would have to spend more money on food and the quality and quantity of food would decrease.

“We provide a lot of different services to the people who come through here, but meals are really important. If we didn’t have Gleaners food, our meals would get a lot smaller,”

says Collins. “I’ve been doing this work for a long, long time. If our clients have a good bed, good food, good rest, they’re better off. It’s hard to get ahead when you’re walking around hungry.”

MACOMB COUNTY **Salvation Army Warren Service Center**

The Salvation Army Warren Service Center provides the basic needs of food and shelter for the working poor, unemployed and homeless of Macomb County. The center offers assistance in the areas of emergency food; rent, mortgage and utilities assistance; hot meals; and shelter.

An average of 8,500 pounds of Gleaners’ food a month is used through a variety of Salvation Army programs in Warren. For example, Gleaners supplies 600 to 800 emergency food boxes monthly, which are given to hungry individuals and families, most of whom are the working poor, according to Captain Caleb Senn, corps officer. Senn says that without Gleaners, there would be no pantry. “We don’t have the resources or manpower to collect that volume of food.”

Gleaners’ food also helps stock the kitchen at Salvation Army’s community lunch program, which feeds 100 hungry neighbors each day, and at its homeless shelter, which feeds and shelters up to 50 men, women and children a night.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY **The Connection Youth Services, Howell**

The Connection Youth Services provides safe shelter for runaway and homeless youth and





helps young people develop positive relationships with their families and their community. The shelter has six beds for youth age 17 and under. In addition, four apartments house homeless young adults, ages 18 through 20.

Gleaners' food is used to provide breakfast, lunch, dinner and three snacks a day for residents in The Connection shelter and apartments. The agency also keeps some pantry items in stock for youth not staying at the shelter and for struggling families.

Program Manager Vickie Smith estimates that 80 percent of the food used by The Connection Youth Services comes from

Gleaners. Smith says that if the agency did not have Gleaners, it would have a financial impact. "It would take money away from other essential services," says Smith. Reducing the food bill by using Gleaners' food frees up money for other needs too, says Smith, such as clothing or recreational outings for youth in residence.

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The Connection shelter in Howell, Michigan



Israeli Lawmakers, Activists Visit Gleaners

Learning and Sharing is the Focus

Nearly one-quarter of Israeli citizens — more than 1.1 million people — are food insecure with limited or uncertain availability of nutritious food. Gleaners' leaders, understanding all too well that even the wealthiest countries in the world are not insulated from hunger issues, have been sharing knowledge and expertise with concerned citizens from Israel to address food shortages in their country. Current Israeli programs together are estimated to be meeting less than one-fifth of the country's food demand.

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Last winter, Gleaners hosted a group of delegates from Israel, who came to Detroit to learn about southeastern Michigan's response to hunger issues.

The group, which included members of Israel's Parliament, toured the food bank, inquired about operations, and benefited from an inside look at the



mechanics and philosophy of the 19th largest U.S. food bank. The trip was sponsored by Leket: Israel's National Food Bank, a fledgling organization that is trying to better coordinate efforts to rescue, purchase and distribute food to those in need.

Along with the visit to Gleaners, the Israeli contingent made stops at Yad Ezra, which is a Gleaners partner agency and the only kosher food pantry in Michigan, and other community organizations.

Gleaners' president, Augie Fernandes, considered the trip "part two" of a cross-cultural collaboration to address hunger and food insecurity in Israel. Fernandes, along with Dr. H. Eric Schockman, president of Los Angeles-based Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger; Joel Jacob of West Bloomfield, vice-chair of Mazon; and Rabbi Eric Yanoff of Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Oakland County visited Israel in early 2007 to observe the country's feeding systems.

Leket organizers, with support from Israeli lawmakers, Mazon leaders, and many caring Detroiters, are hoping to secure a site and have the national food bank more fully operational by the end of the summer.



Above: Israeli delegates visit Gleaners Detroit distribution center.

Women's Power Breakfast Celebrates 15 Years

More than 300 corporate, professional and civic women leaders gathered on March 12 at the Detroit Institute of Arts for the 15th annual Gleaners Women's Power Breakfast.

Keynoting the event was Vicki B. Escarra, president and CEO of America's Second Harvest. Escarra described the growing hunger crisis in our country and acknowledged the tremendous contributions women have made to alleviate hunger in our community.



This year's breakfast also celebrated Dulcie Rosenfeld, a former Gleaners board member and the event's founding chair. Thanks to her efforts, over the last 15 years the

Women's Power Breakfast has raised nearly \$1 million for Gleaners and has involved hundreds of influential women in the fight against hunger. Gleaners is grateful to Dulcie for all she has done to support our mission to feed our hungry neighbors.

Gleaners thanks presenting sponsor General Motors Corp., and co-chairs Hon. Trudy DunCombe Archer, Lois Miller and Lisa Payne, for making this a successful event.



*Dulcie Rosenfeld
Founding Chair*

"Empty Bowls" Raises Hunger Awareness

Since its founding in Michigan in 1990, the Empty Bowls project has grown into an international movement that uses art to educate about hunger and involve people from all walks of life in feeding hungry people.



Here in southeast Michigan, the Empty Bowls tradition remains strong. On February 23, Pewabic Pottery hosted its 18th annual Empty Bowls soup lunch at its historic facility, raising funds for Gleaners from the sale of donated bowls made by students and Pewabic ceramic artists.

On March 13, the 14th annual Pinckney Community Schools Annual Empty Bowls Dinner and silent auction brought more than 1,000 people together to raise funds to feed hungry neighbors. Participants enjoyed a simple meal of soup and selected a bowl to take home from among hundreds made and contributed by Pinckney students.

Your youth group can get involved in Empty Bowls, too. Gleaners hosts Empty Bowls programs on Saturday mornings. Participants make one clay bowl to keep and one for the project. Groups with a minimum of eight and a maximum of 15 young people ages 8–18 are encouraged to sign up. The cost is only \$5 per person for supplies, paid one week prior to your appointment.

Contact Beth MacLeod at 313-923-3535 ext. 247 or emptybowls@gcfb.org to register.

Bank Promotion Raised Needed December Dollars



Gleaners board member Walt Young (dressed as Santa); Rebecca Smith from Huntington Bank; and dancing elves from the Juliart Dance Studio in Troy handed out candy canes and donation slips to customers at Huntington Bank in Southfield.



More than 200 participating bank branches across southeast Michigan raised an impressive \$24,391 from December 1 through December 31, 2007, in the Cure Hunger Here bank promotion. Promotional signs and donation slips were provided in bank lobbies, encouraging customers to donate while doing their banking.

“We support Gleaners through various partnerships throughout the year and are proud to be aligned with such a wonderful organization,” said Regional President of Huntington Bank Rebecca Smith.

Huntington Bank along with **National City Bank** kicked off the Cure Hunger Here bank promotion with November 30th celebrations that raised awareness and built excitement for the promotional campaign.

David Boyle, President and CEO of National City of Michigan said, “Gleaners is a proven and effective leader in hunger relief and has become one of the few truly regional models of success in the nonprofit arena.”

Grocery Shoppers HELP Fill the Need

Last winter, generous grocery shoppers added to their food bills more than \$6,000 in cash donations to Gleaners as part of the 11th annual Check Out Hunger campaign. Another \$29,000 of in-kind food donations was also collected as part of the promotion.

Starting a month earlier than last year to address a critical food shortage, Gleaners used Check Out Hunger campaign profits to keep pantry shelves stocked all around the region as more families than ever needed emergency food help over the holidays.

Local merchants also stepped up their participation this year, with more than 60 area grocery stores participating from November 11 through December 31, 2007.

Merchants placed donation slips in \$1, \$3, and \$5 increments at each register, and customers simply chose the denomination of their choice or let the cashier know how much they wanted to add to their food bill as a donation to Gleaners.

Gleaners' Check Out Hunger program is the largest effort of its kind in southeast Michigan.

Ask Me
How You Can
**Check Out
Hunger**



Calendar of Events

Support Gleaners at one of these events:



May 3

Millpond "Fill the Gazebo" Food-drive

The City of Brighton and the Livingston County Association of Realtors will attempt to fill the Brighton Millpond Gazebo with 20,000 pounds of food. Take a drive down Main Street and participate in this year's effort to help fill the gazebo.

May 10

National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Gleaners is a beneficiary of the largest one-day food drive in the nation, which distributes over 70 million pounds of food to community food banks.

June 20–22

Opal! Fest (St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Troy)

Celebrate Greek culture and support more than 30 charities, including Gleaners, at this annual festival. Bypass the \$3 admission charge by bringing three canned goods that will help stock the food bank over the summer.

June 23

Bernie Smilovitz Celebrity Golf Classic

(Tam O'Shanter Country Club, West Bloomfield)
Join WDIV's Bernie Smilovitz, along with other celebrities and Gleaners supporters, for a day of great golf, food and fun to help raise money for Gleaners Community Food Bank.

July 4

Hungry Duck Run (Half Marathon & 5k Run)

Run through wooded, rolling hills on Livingston County's beautiful, rural roads and finish in downtown Brighton. Stay and enjoy local 4th of July festivities commencing with a parade down Main St. and a rubber duck race in the downtown Millpond.

August 21

Iron Chef

Watch local chefs compete for the coveted "Iron Chef" title while raising funds to support Gleaners. A panel of local celebrities will serve as judges. The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and socializing.

September 14

Fall Benefit and Detroit Duck Derby (Belle Isle)



This family event features food, festivities and 15 thousand rubber ducks racing for a good cause — feeding our hungry neighbors! Adopt your duck for as little as \$5 and join the race to win a prize.

September 25

Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce Vine & Dine (Cranbrook Institute of Science)

This annual event features food, wine and fashion in a unique setting. A portion of the proceeds benefits Gleaners.

November 6

President's Table Dinner

Donors at the President's Table are some of Gleaners most important and valued friends. They give significantly of their time, expertise, dollars or inventory — and, most noticeably, their hearts. This annual dinner honors their contributions.

November 23

Birdie Day Golf and Birdie Day Ball Drop

(Livingston County Area Golf Courses)

Participants enjoy a free round of golf for bringing a frozen turkey. Numbered balls may also be purchased to be dropped, weather permitting, from a helicopter onto a practice green. Closest balls to the hole win one of several \$1,000 prizes.



You can make a difference!

- Each **\$1** donation helps Gleaners feed one hungry person for one day.
- Every hour you volunteer helps keep our costs low.

1 SEND A CHECK:

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan
2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207-3410

2 CALL IN A CREDIT CARD OR INSTALLMENT GIFT:

Lisa Walker, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 241

3 DONATE ONLINE:

www.gcfb.org

4 VOLUNTEER:

Volunteer at the distribution center nearest you.

Detroit • Warren • Taylor • Pontiac • Howell

Carman Mattia, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 236, or cmattia@gcfb.org

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.

7 PROVIDE A MEMORIAL OR TRIBUTE GIFT FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION:

Bridgett Lomax, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 249, or blomax@gcfb.org

8 LEAVE A LEGACY:

Gerry Brisson, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 246, or gbrisson@gcfb.org

9 IF YOUR COMPANY CAN CONTRIBUTE:

Julie Ptasznik, 1-866-GLEANER, ext. 243, or jptasznik@gcfb.org

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 — multiplying its effect immediately.

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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Distribution Center**

2131 Beaufait St., Detroit

Gleaners Livingston County Distribution Center

5924 Sterling Dr., Howell

Gleaners Oakland County Distribution Center

120 E. Columbia Ave., Pontiac

Gleaners Taylor Distribution Center

25698 Northline Rd., Taylor

Gleaners Joan & Wayne Webber Distribution Center

24162 Mound Rd., Warren

Gleaners is proud to be a founding member of:

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The Food
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Michigan



And a member of:

The United Way



The Better Business
Bureau



Mural at Gleaners Detroit distribution center.



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