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FORGOTTEN HARVEST TO BENEFIT FROM METRO TIMES' FIRST BIG EVENT OF 2010

*Metro Times celebrates 30 years and dedicates proceeds
Royal Oak VodkaVodka event to Forgotten Harvest*

OAK PARK, Mich. – (January 19, 2010) – Detroit's largest weekly alternative newspaper Metro Times is holding its first big event of the year, Russian-themed Vodka Vodka, to help raise funds for Forgotten Harvest as part of its 30th anniversary celebration.

Vodka Vodka will be a night of Vodka sampling from some of the world's finest Vodkas and Vodka-infused cuisine from local Royal Oak restaurants. The event, taking place Friday, January 29, 2010 at 7 p.m., will be held at Royal Oak's Farmer's Market. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Ticket prices include food and drink samples. A portion of the ticket sales and proceeds from the event's silent auction will benefit Forgotten Harvest.

Local Detroit DJ Ernie Guerra, aka Erno the Inferno, will be the official DJ of the evening. Participating vodkas include, Svedka Vodka, Vodka 360, Finlandia Vodka, Valentine Vodka, Traverse City Vodka, Grey Goose Vodka, Three Olives Vodka, Zodiac Vodka and Effen Vodka. Vitamin Water and Red Bull also will sponsor.

Local restaurants will serve Vodka-infused cuisine, including Bastone, Memphis Smoke, Toast, D'Amato's, Inn Season, Great Lakes Coffee and Party Cakes of Berkley. Paxahau Event Productions will provide live entertainment.

The Royal Oak Farmers Market is located at 316 East 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, 48076. For more information visit: metrotimes.com/vodkavodka.

Forgotten Harvest is the only mobile food rescue operation in the metropolitan area providing prepared and perishable foods. It's ranked the second leading food rescue operation in the nation. This year, Forgotten Harvest projects it will collect approximately 18 million pounds of food.

With more than 21 refrigerated trucks operating six days per week, Forgotten Harvest picks up approximately 70,000 pounds of food per day from more than 450 donors. The food is then delivered to soup kitchens, pantries and shelters throughout Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Donors include large grocers, restaurants, public venues, commercial farms, dairies, food brokers and a variety of other resources meeting all quality and labeling standards imposed by federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Metro Times is Michigan's largest weekly alternative newspaper for news, nightlife, arts, culture, music, film, food, fashion and more. Over 700,000 loyal readers pick up Metro Times every week to find out who to see, what to do, and where to go.

About Forgotten Harvest

Forgotten Harvest was formed in 1990 to fight two problems: hunger and waste. Forgotten Harvest "rescued" more than 12.5 million pounds of food last year by collecting surplus prepared and perishable food from more than 450 sources, including grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors and other Health Department-approved sources. This donated food, which would otherwise go to waste, is delivered free-of-charge to 155 emergency food providers in the Metro Detroit area.

Learn more about Forgotten Harvest and how to help drive hunger from our community at www.forgottenharvest.org.

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