

Harvest News

Metro Detroit's only mobile food rescue organization - Driving Hunger From Our Community Since 1990

Fall Crop - 2009



DRIVING HUNGER FROM OUR COMMUNITY

From July 2008-June 2009, Forgiven Harvest rescued nearly 12.5 million pounds of food—a 31% increase over the previous year and 11.0 million pound per year increase from 2001.

Rescuing food from over 400 generous donors, Forgiven Harvest serves 155 agencies throughout the tri-county area.

We estimate that our new Mobile Pantry will deliver over one million pounds of food in its first year of operation to people in neighborhoods in our region who have no ready supply of emergency food.

We now have 21 refrigerated trucks. We deliver food six days a week.

Our food rescue operations have now been expanded to the Leamington, Ontario area, which is known as the “greenhouse capital of the world.” The rescued food comes from greenhouses and two Canadian brokerage houses.

Forgotten Harvest can deliver six meals for one dollar. We spend 94 cents of every dollar for food program services. Once again, Forgiven Harvest has received Charity Navigator's coveted four star rating for sound fiscal management.

Our Mission

The mission of Forgiven Harvest is to relieve hunger in our community by rescuing surplus prepared and perishable food and donating it to emergency food providers.

Our country wastes 96 billion pounds of food a year which is nearly 25% of the edible food available in our country. If we could reclaim just 5% of that food, we could eliminate hunger in the United States. Forgiven Harvest fights hunger and waste!



(Center) Michelle Jackson, Director of Von Stueben Community Council, with her group of volunteers at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Summer Vacation From Hunger A Success!

For the second year, Charter One teamed up with Forgiven Harvest and Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan to help fight childhood hunger during the summer when children cannot participate in school food programs. The Charter One Foundation pledged \$100,000 this year to the Summer Vacation From Hunger Program.

The Forgiven Harvest Mobile Pantry delivered approximately 200,000 pounds of food over an eight week period this summer. The program was expanded this year. The 2008 pilot program ran in the Osborn community. Food was delivered once a week for six weeks last summer to Our Lady of Good Counsel and two other Osborn locations. This year, in addition to deliveries to Our Lady of Good Counsel,

deliveries also were made to the City Mission in Brightmoor and the Oakland Church of Christ in Southfield three days a week. Fifty volunteers from Charter One participated in the program.

The program was a success. An estimated 2,730 families and 4,740 children received food over the course of eight weeks. “The ability to choose donated food brings a sense of dignity to individuals seeking emergency food relief,” said Jacqueline Wiggins, Senior Vice President and Director of Public Affairs for Charter One. “Charter One is grateful for the leadership of Forgiven Harvest and Gleaners in their commitment to operate client choice pantries. We're proud to partner with them to make a difference for children and families in our area.”



Miracles Happen Everyday At 21800 Greenfield Road Because Of You

Early every morning, our dedicated drivers pull out of Forgiven Harvest's parking lot in 21 refrigerated trucks. The Forgiven Harvest truck fleet picks up 60,000 pounds of food on average each day. The food is delivered to soup kitchens, pantries and shelters throughout Metro Detroit. The trucks return empty – ready for the next day's deliveries.

Our drivers cover 2,000 square miles each day and distribute meat, vegetables, fruit and dairy products to agencies in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Their dedication throughout the year ensures nutritious meals for thousands of hungry children, families and senior citizens.

The miracle? All the food, the trucks and the costs of pick-up and delivery are donated. Through the generosity of hundreds of businesses, foundations, individuals and a government program, Forgiven Harvest provided nearly 12.5 million pounds of food last year – an amazing 31% increase over the prior year!

Nearly 1,000 committed volunteers from communities across Southeast Michigan join our staff, our partner RockCity Kitchen and over 150 agencies in the fight against hunger. The volunteers re-pack 40,000 pounds of potatoes or a semi-load of apples. They help with office work and assist our dedicated drivers. The laughter and spirit that these people bring to us makes our building a special place.

I am honored to be a part of such a wonderful organization and community. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of the volunteers, donors, partners, staff and our Board who help make miracles happen everyday at Forgiven Harvest.

Susan Ellis Goodell
Executive Director

The Need For Food Continues To Grow

Despite the generosity of our donors, the need for food is continuing to grow at an alarming rate in Southeast Michigan.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported in 2007 that 46.5% of children under age 18 in the City of Detroit lived in poverty. One in 5 children live in poverty in the tri-county area.

The Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth reported a 27.8% unemployment rate in the City of Detroit for August 2009, 35% in Highland Park and 34% in Pontiac.

The need for emergency food affects all neighborhoods in Southeast Michigan: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), in July 2009, the Detroit-Warren-Livonia metropolitan area, when compared across the 372 metropolitan areas in the nation, had the highest year-to-year increase in unemployment rate (+8.4 percentage points) and continued to have the highest metropolitan area unemployment rate in the nation (17.7%).

Our recipient agencies are struggling to provide services to meet growing hunger in metro Detroit. In our annual agency survey conducted this year, 78% of our agencies reported that the number of people seeking emergency food assistance had risen dramatically; 26% of the agencies reported turning people away because they did not have enough food to distribute.



Help Us Drive Hunger From Our Community

We continue to need your financial help to meet the growing demand for food in Southeast Michigan. The Holiday Season is upon us. Every donated dollar enables Forgiven Harvest to deliver six meals to families in need. Making a donation is easy. Simply go to our web site at www.forgottenharvest.org and click "Donate Now." Your contribution will be secure and we can think of no better gift to help a neighbor in need.



Paul Cooper, Forgotten Harvest staff member, gets our new hybrid “road-ready.”

Forgotten Harvest Adds First Hybrid Truck To Fleet

Forgotten Harvest took delivery of its first hybrid-powered truck in June. The Class 7 Freightliner, donated by Daimler Trucks North America, Daimler Financial Services and Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies, will enable us to rescue one million additional pounds of fresh food each year at an estimated savings of 30% in fuel costs.

Susan Goodell, Executive Director of Forgotten Harvest, was presented with the keys to the 2009 M2e Hybrid Freightliner diesel-electric truck by Klaus Entenmann, President and CEO of Daimler Financial

Services, USA, and Chris Patterson, recently retired President and CEO of Daimler Trucks North America, at Forgotten Harvest’s facility. Ron Ricci, President of Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies of Rice Lake, WI, donated the 20-foot fiberglass refrigerated truck body with ElectriMax, all-electric refrigeration that keeps food fresh during deliveries to social service agencies that feed the hungry throughout Metro Detroit.

“This generous donation by our friends at Daimler Financial, Daimler Trucks and Johnson Refrigerated Truck Bodies is a leap

forward in advancing our mission of reducing hunger and waste,” Goodell said. “It will not only improve our operating efficiency by keeping fuel costs down, but also will allow us to direct more donated dollars to distributing food in a way that protects the environment.”

The 31,000-pound Class 7 truck is the fifth truck donated by Daimler Financial Services, Daimler Trucks North America and aftermarket “body builders” in the past four years, bringing Forgotten Harvest’s growing fleet to 21 vehicles.

This Season’s Awards



Several organizations have recognized Forgotten Harvest this season. “These awards represent the dedication and innovative work of our hundreds of partners, our staff and our dedicated group of over 1,000 volunteers,” said Susan Goodell, Executive Director.

In May 2009, the Detroit Community Initiative presented a “Special Recognition” to Forgotten Harvest: “In recognition of your invaluable support and dedication to children and families in Northeast Detroit.” Forgotten Harvest staff members Dave Duey and Tom Haefner accepted the award.

Feeding America presented Forgotten Harvest with the “Technology Program of the Year” award for our Mobile Data-Tracking System developed with the

support of Donald Washington, a Kettering University student, Lawrence Technological University students and C & C Logistics. The Mobile Data-Tracking System allows us to accurately track our food donations by category from food donor origin to recipient agency destination. Forgotten Harvest is a member of Feeding America, which is the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief charity with a network of member food banks and food rescue agencies across the country.

For the third consecutive year, Charity Navigator, the nation’s lead agency rating non-profit management and fiscal responsibility, awarded Forgotten Harvest its highest rating (four stars). Only 11% of the charities rated throughout the country have received three consecutive four star evaluations. Charity Navigator is the nation’s largest evaluator of non-profit organizations. It reports on the financial health of over 5,000 of America’s best-known charities.



Honored Guests At Our Table



Susan Goodell, FH Executive Director, and Ken Fister, Director of Food Programs, show Senator Carl Levin samples of hydroponic tomatoes from Canada



Congressman Gary Peters and his wife, Colleen, assembled meals with Colleen Brewer, Executive Chef for RockCity Kitchen

Several Southeast Michigan policy leaders have recently visited Forgotten Harvest to learn about our emergency food rescue and distribution to agencies and citizens in metro Detroit. We were honored to host Senator Carl Levin, Congressman Sander Levin, Congressman Gary Peters, State Senator Gilda Jacobs, and State Representative Vincent Gregory, who joined Forgotten Harvest's Board and staff to discuss emergency food system issues.

In addition to discussions and facility tours, Congressman Gary Peters and his wife, Colleen, who is a member of Forgotten Harvest's Advisory Board, joined our non-profit partner RockCity Kitchen and a group of volunteers to assemble prepared food into meals for delivery to pantries. Congressman Levin joined Susan Goodell and DeWayne Wells of Gleaners at the formal announcement of the Ford Fund donation to Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners. Congressman Levin announced his legislation

to extend and enhance the current tax deduction that encourages donation of surplus food.

Several members of Michigan Governor Granholm's task force developing the State's pilot "MI Neighborhood Food Movers" program joined Forgotten Harvest's Mobile Pantry at City Mission to help distribute fresh food to residents in the Brightmoor neighborhood. In addition, the task force talked with Forgotten Harvest's leadership to learn about Forgotten Harvest's food rescue approach.

Forgotten Harvest participated in community resource fairs hosted by Congressman Levin and Congressman John Dingell in their districts. At the invitation of the City of Oak Park and Mayor Jerry Naftaly, Forgotten Harvest served as Grand Marshall of the Oak Park annual July 4th holiday parade to help generate awareness of our Oak Park-based location and metro Detroit services.

THIS SEASON'S HARVEST

Thank you to our generous funders who make our mission possible!

The following foundations, corporations and faith-based organizations awarded grants of \$5,000 or more (March 2009 – present):

W. K. Kellogg Foundation	\$396,971
McGregor Fund	\$250,000
The Skillman Foundation	\$170,000
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Charter One Bank	\$50,000
Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation	\$30,000
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The Helen L. Kay Charitable Private Foundation	\$15,000
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger	\$12,000
The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church	\$7,744
Panera Bread	\$5,371
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Holiday Cards Are Here!

Our Holiday Cards are a great way to show others that you support Forgotten Harvest. A box of 25 full-color cards and envelopes costs \$23. Cards and envelopes can be purchased separately for \$1 each.

(Please add \$3 for shipping) To place an order, visit our web-site at www.forgottenharvest.org or call 248-967-1500. To ensure that holiday cards are mailed to you on a timely basis, all orders must

be received no later than December 15th. Orders purchased after that date will have to be picked-up at our office located at 21800 Greenfield Rd., Oak Park, Michigan 48237.



“Season’s Greetings”

Inside: “May your holidays be flavored with wonderful things”

Creative: Yaffe & Company, Southfield



Our popular “Peas on Earth” card redesigned:

Inside: “Peas on earth”

Creative: Yaffe & Company, Southfield

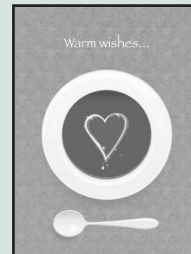


“Berry Christmas”

Inside: “Wishing you and yours the berry best”

Creative: Yaffe & Company, Southfield

Sale On Previous Holiday Card Stock! Packs Of 25 Just \$10



Great People Keep Us Plowing Ahead

Ken Fister

Director of Food Programs

Ken Fister is Forgotten Harvest’s new Director of Food Programs. Ken is responsible for directing our agency program, food donor program and all aspects of our distribution program. He will direct the efforts of over 25 staff members.



Ken comes to Forgotten Harvest with a diverse background in distribution and logistics management, having served at ABX Logistics, Exel Inc, Keebler Foods, Domino’s and Roadway Trucking.

Ken is the proud father of three children and graduate of Michigan State with a BA in Transportation and Physical Distribution. He resides in Belleville.

Dave Kramer

Volunteer Coordinator

Dave Kramer is the volunteer of all volunteers! He manages the activities of nearly 1,000 volunteers. Dave retired from Independence Township in 2007 and became our Volunteer Coordinator in June, 2008. He works at Forgotten Harvest two days a week.



Dave is the proud father of three children and the grandfather of six. He is a graduate of Oakland University and very involved with the Clarkston Village Players, a community theater.

We could not operate without the help of volunteers, like Dave, who give their time unselfishly and help us in our mission to drive hunger from our community. He resides in Waterford Township. If you would like to volunteer, call Dave at 248-967-1500 ext.118.





Maggie Allesee, FH Board Member, and Bob Allesee enjoy the show

COMEDY NIGHT

2009 Another Great Success!



From left: Adam Forman, FH Advisory Board; Joe Kearney, FH Board; David Draper, FH Advisory Board



From left: John Sznawajs, Marcy Sznawajs; Trish Bringer, Paul Bringer, FH Board Member; Dave Duey, FH Agency Manager, Maria Duey; Chris and Janice Heaphy

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Our annual Champagne Cruise is the summertime party to attend! The event took place on August 14th and raised over \$115,000! 2009 was a sell-out event. Be sure to purchase your tickets early for the 2010 Champagne Cruise. Many thanks to this year's silent auction donors.



Jennifer Shroeger, Vice President & COO of UPS, Michigan District, and FH Executive Board District Member



Our volunteers were a highlight of both the Champagne Cruise and Comedy Night events



Mark Anusbigian, President of Westborn Market



From left: David Nicholson, Vice President, PVS Chemicals & FH Board Member, Kristin Nicholson; Kathrin Entenmann and Klaus Entenmann, President and CEO, Daimler Financial Services, USA

The Art Van Charity Challenge

Art Van Furniture has selected Forgotten Harvest as one of 50 organizations that will benefit from its \$1 Million Charity Challenge celebrating “50 years of bringing beautiful furniture into Michigan’s homes.” Forgotten Harvest was awarded a \$25,000 challenge grant to increase the distribution of fresh, healthy food through our Mobile Pantry Project this year.

Piloted during the summer of 2008, this project is now working in partnership with eight sites in East Detroit, Southwest Detroit, Highland Park, Southfield, Warren, and Detroit’s Osborn and Brightmoor communities. With the demand for emergency food supplies skyrocketing in these communities, Forgotten Harvest is on track to distribute more than one

million pounds of fresh, healthy food through our Mobile Pantry in its first year of operation. We are extremely grateful to Art Van Furniture for awarding us this challenge grant. ***And now we need your help!***

Art Van will match every dollar donated to Forgotten Harvest up to \$25,000. If you would like to help us meet this challenge – and provide twice the amount of food with your donation – please send your contribution in the enclosed envelope today. Your gift, combined with our Art Van grant, will help us rescue more of the fresh meat, dairy, produce and baked goods being offered by our many new food donors and get this desperately needed fresh food onto the plates of metro Detroit’s most vulnerable residents.



Do you know someone who needs emergency food assistance?

To help friends in need of emergency food, please suggest that they:

- Visit a State of Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) office to determine if they qualify for government emergency support.

OR

- Use the new State of Michigan’s “MiBridges” online 24/7 system for Food Assistance Programs: www.michigan.gov/mibridges.

Using this State website, they can review their eligibility for DHS Food Assistance Program support, apply for DHS Food Assistance Program funds, and check application’s status and monthly food assistance funds.

OR

- Call United Way’s “2-1-1” confidential information and referral service, available 24/7.

OR

- Call Michigan’s emergency food program “Food and Nutrition Hot Line” 1-800-481-4989 (M-F 9am – 5pm) for a listing and estimated eligibility for Michigan’s emergency food programs.

OR

- Check www.forgottenharvest.org – click on “Get Help” for a listing of our agencies and a link to www.pantrynet.org for locations of emergency food distribution agencies throughout the State of Michigan.

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