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AARP Michigan Helping to Fight Hunger in Our Community.

AARP Michigan Community-Wide Thanksgiving Drive Nov. 8-18, 2010

DETROIT, MI — In August 2010, more than 663,000 people in the tri-county area lived in poverty and faced hunger or the lack of food daily — an increase of over 160,000 people compared with the previous year.

AARP believes that no one – of any age – should go hungry.

In an effort to address the growing problem of hunger in our community, **AARP Michigan** has proudly partnered with **Wayne State University** and **Forgotten Harvest** for a **community-wide Thanksgiving Food Drive November 8-18**.

Non-perishable food items can be brought to drop-off sites listed on www.wayne.edu/fooddrive or Wayne State University Adams Field on Thursday, November 18 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“Our goal this year is to collect enough food to feed 300 households for the Thanksgiving week,” Karen Kafantaris, AARP Michigan Associate State Director of Livable Communities and Community Service said. “If everyone donated just **one** can of food, we can reach this goal and feed the many Southeast Michigan households at risk of hunger.”

WHAT:

An effort to address the growing problem of hunger in our community: **AARP Michigan Thanksgiving Food Drive**.

WHY:

In Michigan, **four million households live at risk of hunger**. The struggling economy coupled with significant job loss has resulted in a growing number of families left to wonder where their next meal will come from. AARP is working to identify solutions to this challenge and will continue to shed light on this issue.

WHEN:

November 8-18, 2010.

FOR INFORMATION (OR TO VOLUNTEER):

Call 1-866-227-7448 or visit www.wayne.edu/fooddrive.

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