



## **DETROIT HUNGER RELIEF AGENCIES RECEIVE MAJOR DONATION FROM CHASE TO HELP THE REGION'S GROWING HUNGRY**

### ***Three New State-of-the-Art Trucks Will Help Metro Detroit Emergency Food Providers Move More Than 4 Million Pounds of Fresh Foods Per Year In The Detroit Metro Area***

**Detroit (December 10, 2009)** – At a time when more and more families in Michigan face the threat of going hungry, Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan announced today that Chase will donate of three state-of-the-art food delivery trucks, supplying southeast Michigan's hungry with fruits, vegetables and other fresh foods.

"I want to congratulate you and your colleagues for being selected by JPMorgan Chase as the recipients of a major donation aimed at fighting hunger in the United States," said U.S. Congressman Sander Levin.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said, "This donation could not come at a more critical period when charitable giving is down due to the economy. Organizations like Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners are vital to helping those most impacted by these tough times."

"The need in our region has been well documented," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "This donation will be well spent because Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest are two organizations that do a great job helping those in need."

"Forgotten Harvest's role has expanded from that of reliable, outstretched hand to those traditionally viewed as "less-fortunate-than-us" to one of an "economic enabler," said Susan Goodell President & CEO of Forgotten Harvest. "These trucks will be vital in helping our neighbors survive the most devastating crisis our region has experienced since the Great Depression."

"To meet the growing demand for emergency food, Gleaners is aiming to distribute more than 36 million pounds of emergency food this year – a remarkable 20 percent increase over last record year's distribution of 30.8 million pounds," said W. DeWayne Wells, Gleaners president. "An extra vehicle in our fleet will boost our efforts significantly and help us reach more of our hungry neighbors. We are deeply grateful to Chase for this generous donation."

Nearly 4 million households in Michigan faced hunger in 2008, according to the recent USDA study. Unemployment rates and poverty rates have risen in virtually all southeast Michigan communities, including cities that have not traditionally faced dire economic challenges. The unemployment rate in the city of Detroit rose from 22% to 27% from January to October 2009 and reached 21.8% in Oak Park, 23.5% in Roseville, 13.2% in Troy and 11.5% in Bloomfield Township in October 2009, illustrating the broad base of the challenge in the region. More than 46% of the children under age 18 in Detroit lived in poverty in 2008 and across Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties, 1 in 5 children lives in poverty, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

“Chase's donation enables Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners to deliver more than four million pounds of food per year in Southeast Michigan through the full-capacity use of the new trucks,” said John Carter, chairman of Chase's Michigan philanthropy committee. “During the past decade, we’ve provided nearly \$14 million in support to hunger-related programs nationally. We're committed to helping drive out hunger in the communities that Chase serves.”

Chase announced its donation in Michigan as part of a \$5 million national grant to Feeding America and its nationwide network of food banks. This donation marks the largest single corporate donation that Feeding America has received from a corporation to date. Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners are members of the Feeding America network.

The national donation will support hunger-fighting initiatives, supplying 34 trucks to 20 food banks in communities hit hard by the recession. The trucks’ destinations include Feeding America network food banks in 19 cities and local communities nationwide. With the new trucks, food banks can distribute over 40 million meals annually.

Chase’s donation to Feeding America will cover the costs of purchasing and operating food delivery trucks in the following communities:

Atlanta	Jacksonville, Fla.	Orlando, Fla.
Dallas	Los Angeles	Phoenix
Detroit	Mesa, Ariz.	Seattle
Denver	Miami	Tampa, Fla.
Ft. Worth, Texas	Milwaukee, Wis.	Wilmington, Del.
Houston	New Orleans	
Indianapolis	Newark, N.J.	

To learn more about hunger in Detroit and how you can help please visit:  
[www.forgottenharvest.org](http://www.forgottenharvest.org) or [www.gcfb.org](http://www.gcfb.org).

### **About Forgotten Harvest**

The mission of Forgotten Harvest is to relieve hunger in the Detroit metropolitan community by rescuing prepared and perishable food and donating it to emergency food providers. Forgotten Harvest was formed in 1990 to fight two problems: hunger and waste. Forgotten Harvest currently rescues 12.5 million pounds of food per year by collecting surplus prepared and perishable food from a variety of sources such as grocery stores, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors, and other Health Department-approved sources. This donated food—that would otherwise go to waste—is delivered free of charge to over 450 providers in the metro Detroit area. The individuals and families served are as diverse as the community’s residents – young and old, from all races and faiths.

### **About Gleaners**

As one of the oldest and largest food banks in the United States, Gleaners Community Food Bank's mission has been to turn surplus food, which otherwise would go to waste, into millions of nutritious meals for hungry people in southeastern Michigan. For more than a quarter of a century we've been "nourishing communities by feeding hungry people". Since 1977, Gleaners Community Food Bank has grown from distributing just one or two million pounds of food a year to more than 30.8 million pounds to 467 partner soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and schools, equivalent to more than 66,000 meals per day. For more information, visit [www.gfcb.org](http://www.gfcb.org).

**About Feeding America**

Feeding America provides low-income individuals and families with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 25 million Americans each year, including 9 million children and 3 million seniors. Serving the entire United States, more than 200 member food banks support 63,000 agencies that address hunger in all of its forms. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit <http://www.feedingamerica.org>. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/FeedingAmerica](https://www.facebook.com/FeedingAmerica) or follow our news on Twitter at [twitter.com/FeedingAmerica](https://twitter.com/FeedingAmerica).

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