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## **Kroger Check and Miller Poultry Donation Will Help Forgotten Harvest Fight Hunger**

*Grocer will present \$69,000 check;  
Miller Poultry to contribute almost seven tons of chicken*

OAK PARK, MICH.--December 13, 2011--More hungry Metro Detroit residents will have food to eat as a result of the \$69,000 corporate check and 13,600 pounds of frozen chicken Kroger will present to Forgotten Harvest on Thursday, December 15. The poultry contribution results from a generous donation by Orland, Indiana-based Miller Amish Country Poultry, a distributor to Kroger's Michigan stores.

Len Neeb, manager of Miller Amish Country Poultry, will deliver the chicken to Forgotten Harvest, 21800 Greenfield Rd., Oak Park, Mich., at 9:00 a.m. with Kroger, Miller Amish Country Poultry and Forgotten Harvest officials present for the donation. Rick Going, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan and Dale Hollandsworth, customer communications manager, will present the Kroger check at the same time.

"These donations will help Forgotten Harvest provide nearly 386,000 meals to hungry men, women and children," said Going. "We thank Miller Amish Country Poultry for its generosity and willingness to help meet the growing demand for food assistance in Michigan."

The chicken donation consists of 250 40-pound cases of Miller Poultry Chicken Drumsticks and 300 12-pound cases of Miller Poultry Chicken Sausages. Given the recommended serving sizes, this equates to 40,800 servings of Miller Poultry chicken, making high-quality protein a part of tens of thousands of meals that would otherwise go without.

"Miller Amish Country Poultry has a long history of giving back to those in need," said Len Neeb, manager of Miller Amish Country Poultry. "We appreciate the opportunity to team up with Kroger to help individuals this season, especially as cold weather sets in."

"Kroger continues to be one of our most important and engaged partners in fighting hunger in Metro Detroit, and they're proving their commitment not only financially but also with six and a half tons of high-quality, healthy chicken," said Susan Goodell, president and CEO of Forgotten

Harvest. "We thank Kroger and Miller Amish Country Poultry for their commitment to feeding hungry families within our state."

Partnering with Forgotten Harvest since 2000, 79 Kroger stores in the Detroit tri-county area support the organization through food and monetary donations. Kroger is on pace to provide four million pounds of food to Forgotten Harvest in 2011.

Kroger has a long history of charitable contributions and was recently named number one among America's most generous companies in a *Chronicle of Philanthropy* listing featured in *Forbes Magazine*. The list recognized companies that give back the most, with Kroger ranked first among companies contributing the largest percentage of their pre-tax profits.

#### **About Kroger**

*Kroger, the nation's largest traditional grocery retailer, employs more than 338,000 associates who serve customers in 2,458 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 31 states under two dozen local banner names including Kroger, City Market, Dillons, Jay C, Food 4 Less, Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, QFC, Ralphs and Smith's. The Company also operates 786 convenience stores, 361 fine jewelry stores, 1,014 supermarket fuel centers and 40 food processing plants in the U.S. Kroger, headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, focuses its charitable efforts on supporting hunger relief, health and wellness initiatives, and local organizations in the communities it serves. For more information about Kroger, please visit [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com).*

#### **About Miller Poultry**

*Miller Poultry is a small, family-owned company located in Northern Indiana. The company's mission is to be dedicated, faithful people producing naturally grown poultry in an ethical and efficient manner for consumers who appreciate wholesome, great-tasting food. For more information, please visit [www.millerpoultry.com](http://www.millerpoultry.com).*

#### **About Forgotten Harvest**

*Forgotten Harvest was formed in 1990 to fight two problems: hunger and waste. Forgotten Harvest "rescued" more than 23 million pounds of food last year by collecting surplus prepared and perishable food from 455 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 more than 200 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](http://www.forgottenharvest.org).*

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