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**FORGOTTEN HARVEST ASKS METRO DETROITERS TO “RAISE YOUR HAND AGAINST HUNGER”**

*Faith-based and community leaders will gather to rally against hunger*

**OAK PARK, Mich.** – On Tuesday, Sept. 27, Forgotten Harvest will sponsor a rally featuring faith-based and community leaders at 11 a.m. at the Northland Shopping Center parking lot, north of 8 Mile on Greenfield Rd. in Southfield, with the purpose of fighting hunger in metro Detroit. The “Raise Your Hand Against Hunger” rally will address the hunger crisis in our community, challenging individuals, businesses and corporations to spring to action and make fighting the hunger crisis a priority.

Resources and information will be available for rally attendees in need of food.

“The need for food is so great in our community, it often becomes difficult to ensure no one falls through the cracks,” said Russ Russell, Director of Development, Forgotten Harvest. “We are dedicated to ensuring those who need food receive it, while making metro Detroit aware that hunger is an issue, and our friends, family and neighbors need our help.”

**Community leaders attending are:**

- Major Mark W. Anderson, General Secretary, Salvation Army
- Dr. Chad Audi, President, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries
- Pastor Christopher W. Brooks, Evangel Ministries & Host, Equipped for Life, 1500 WLQZ - NC
- Ed Deeb, Board President, Project Hunger, President and CEO at Michigan Food and Beverage Association and Michigan Business & Professional Association
- Gilda Jacobs, President and CEO, Michigan League for Human Services
- Joel Jacob, International Chairman, MAZON and Founder and Chairman, The Bottle Crew
- William F. Jones Jr., CEO, Focus Hope
- *Imam* Mohammad *Mardini*, American Muslim Center
- Fr. Norman P. Thomas, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church
- Marcella Wilson Ph.D., President and CEO, Matrix Human Services
- Debra Ehrmann, Vice President, Centro, Multicultural La Familia, Inc.

Forgotten Harvest is working with local businesses, corporations and food delivery agencies to help feed the hungry. The organization is currently combating staggering poverty and hunger statistics in southeast Michigan, including:

- 1 in 5 face hunger or a lack of food, more than 800,000 people
- 1 in 4 children live in poverty
- 1 in 2 Detroit children live in poverty
- 41 percent of the food distributed by Forgotten Harvest is for children under age 18

Nationwide, **48.8 million Americans** suffer from food insecurity.

**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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