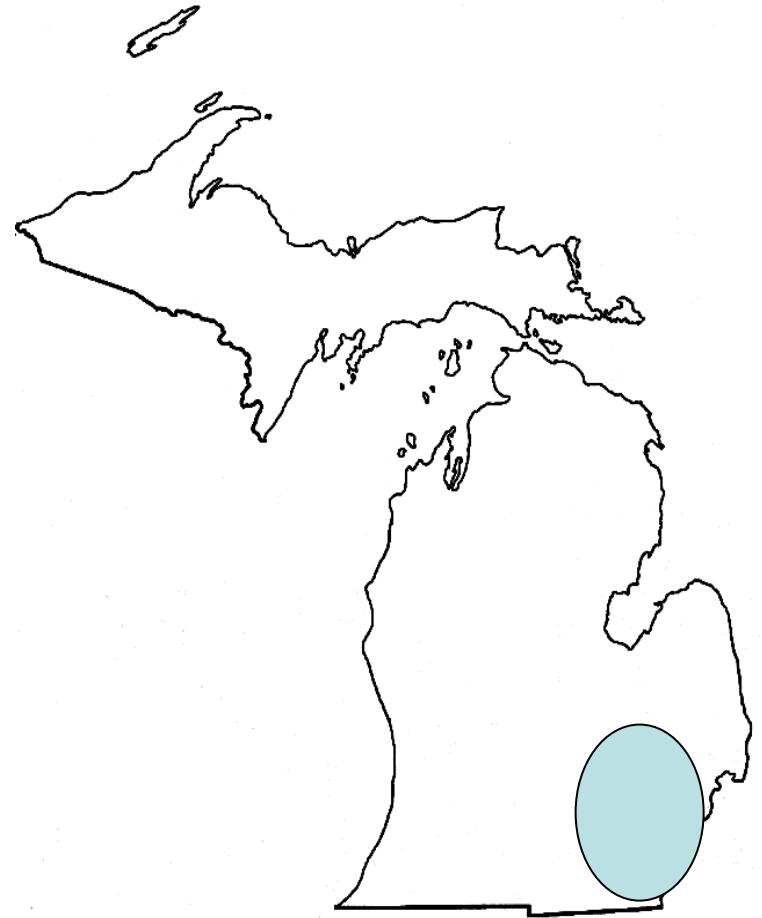


Hunger in America 2006

Southeastern Michigan Report

Presented by

*Gleaners Community
Food Bank of
Southeastern Michigan*





nourishing communities by feeding hungry people



...a community effort



- ❖ **Provide food and grocery items to 418 partner agencies across six counties**
- ❖ **Provide more than 25,000,000 pounds of food or 19,230,769 meals annually to hungry people in Southeastern Michigan.**
- ❖ **Engage more than 14,000 volunteers to help our mission**

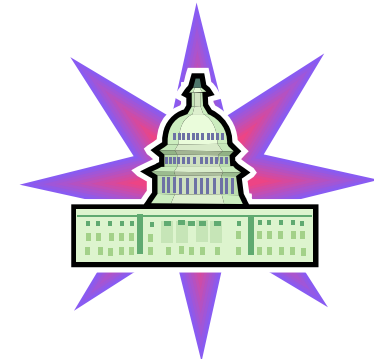
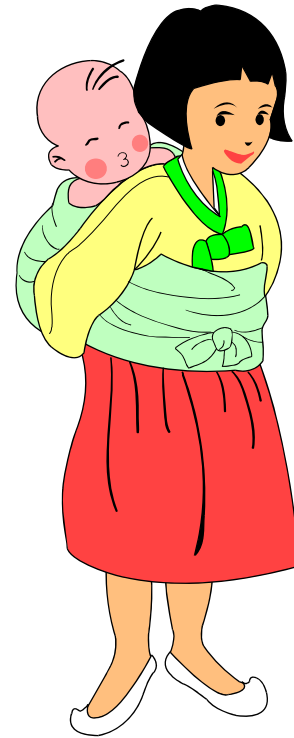
Why Do this Study?



- How many people need food?
- Who are our customers?
- Why do people need food?
- What public programs do they use?

Stakeholders –there are many

- Human Service Providers
- Policy Makers
- Donors
- Volunteers
- Tax Payers
- Food Industry
- Faith based Organizations
- Educators



Most Comprehensive National Assessment of Hunger Ever

- 156 Food Banks
- 30,000 agencies
- 52,000 clients
- Provides county, state and national reports

Study Designed by
Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. and implemented in partnership
with Wayne State University

Study Design and Process

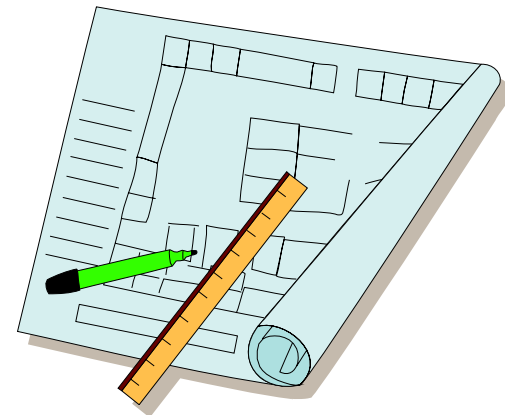
*Wayne, Oakland, Macomb,
Livingston, and Monroe Counties*

Partner Study

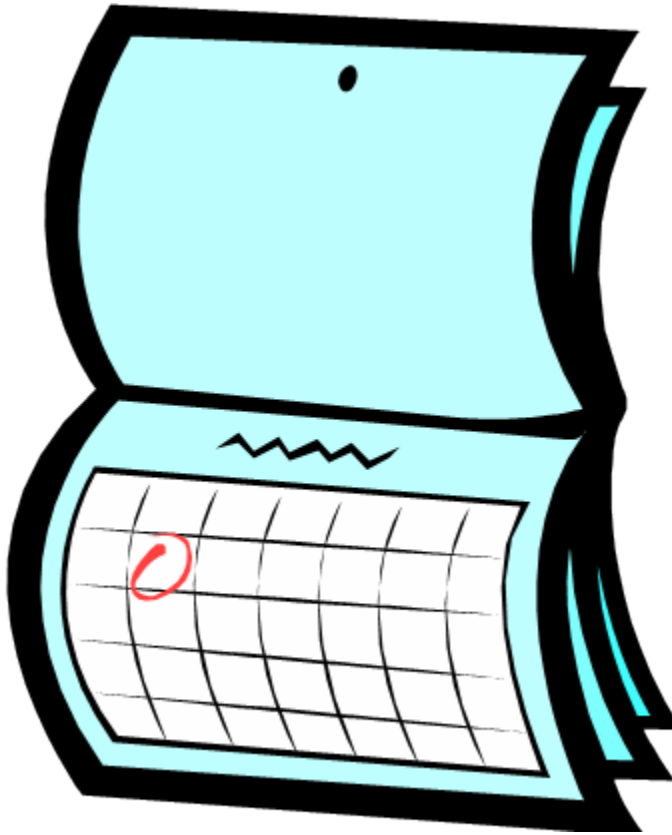
- Mail survey
- 361 responses

Client Study

- 1,010 Personal Interviews



Timeline



- Data Collected
Jan-April, 2005
- Sluggish economic
environment in MI
- Prior to Hurricanes
Katrina and Rita

What information did we get?

Agency Survey

- Demand changes
- Capacity
- Volunteers

Client Interviews

- Personal and Household data
- Demographics
- Food security
- Other resources



- **Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan serves an estimated 288,700 different people in Southeastern Michigan annually.**
- **Approximately 62,400 different people receive assistance in any given week.**
- **77,949 children in Southeastern Michigan are served through the food bank**

Households

Of those Southeast Michigan households served by Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan:

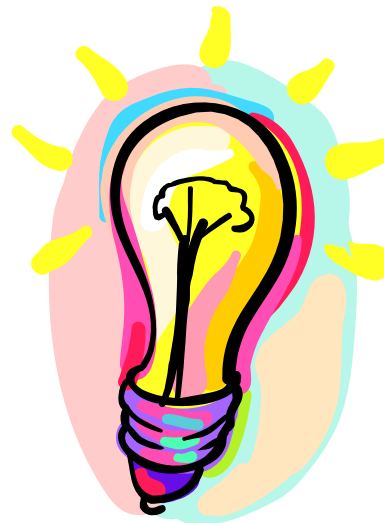


- 71% live at or below poverty level
- 46% are single person households
- 13% are homeless
- 11% include an elderly person
- 40% have no car
- 29% include children
- 68% are between ages 18 and 64
- Average annual household income is \$11,260

Poverty Level is \$19,200
for a family of four

Difficult Choices

- 36% choose between food and utilities
- 33% choose between food and housing
- 29% choose between food and medical care



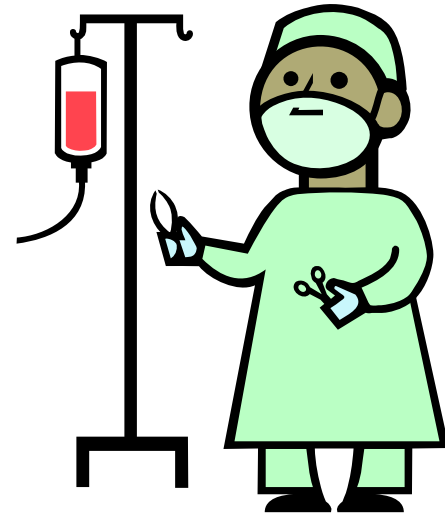
WORK & EDUCATION

- 37% of households include at least one employed adult
- 15% of clients held managerial or professional jobs
- 41% of clients completed high school and 24% have some college or a two-year degree



Health

- **26% of households have at least 1 person in poor health**
- **48% of clients have unpaid medical bills**
- **69% of the households reported that sometimes or often they could not afford to eat balanced meals.**
- **25% have no medical insurance**



Resources and Programs

Of those households interviewed:

- **38% use food stamps**
- **29% participate in W.I.C**
- **59% school lunch**
- **41% school breakfast**

Increase in demand

- 68% of pantries, 69% of kitchens, and 76% of shelters reported an increase since 2001 in the number of people requesting food.
- 39% of pantries, 21% of kitchens, and 37% of shelters turned away clients last year because of lack of resources.

Volunteers

- **68% of pantries and 31% of the kitchens are operated totally by volunteer staff**
- **91% of our partner agencies are faith-based or private non-profit organizations.**

