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We are grateful for our hardworking Gleaners team and supporters who have helped make this achievement possible.

Thank you!

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Our Mission

We exist to provide households with access to sufficient, nutritious food, and related resources.

We accomplish this through collaboration, efficient operations, education, and innovative solutions to achieve a hunger-free community in southeast Michigan.

Vision: To end hunger in southeast Michigan.

Closing the Gap: Who Needs Gleaners?

Nearly 700,000 people are food insecure in the 5-county region: we reach 430,000 each year.

47% of the households in need have an employed adult.
Thanks to your support, we have achieved great things in the past year!

17.5 million pounds of fresh produce provided to hungry families

53,625 volunteer shifts completed, resulting in 144,788 hours of volunteer work toward Gleaners' mission, which is the equivalent of 69 full-time employees

1,979 community food drives collecting 2.75 million pounds of food

1,001 School-Based Mobile Pantry events provided a monthly source of food for children and their families

69 BackPack Program sites feeding 4,725 children year round

499 partner agencies engaged to reach hungry neighbors with emergency food

42,125,964 pounds of food distributed throughout the year to neighbors in need

7,460 Cooking Matters™ graduates. Program graduates saved an average of $260 per year through improved food management skills. This equated to $1.94 million in economic benefit to households.

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Letter from
OUR PRESIDENT

Ready, aim ...

Impact! You’ve made a huge difference this year through your commitment to Gleaners. We've had an exciting year of growth and expanded service for the kids, seniors, and households that we serve together. This newsletter highlights some of our successes and strategies and I’m honored to share them with you.

We are changing the conversation about solving hunger in Southeast Michigan. Here are five truths that make me believe we can end hunger in our community:

• **Enough people care to see it ended.** That includes you. And it includes most, if not all, religions in the world — many of which make feeding hungry people a central measure of faith.

• **Food is plentiful, and we know how to get it from here to there.** Our distribution network includes nearly 500 pantries, soup kitchens, schools, and other well-run agencies who serve every zip code and legislative district in Southeast Michigan.

• **It is cheaper to end hunger than to have it continue.** Hunger costs our community by contributing to poor education results, poor health, and injury to children who cannot reach their full potential due to its effects. These are expensive problems to fix — and could be fixed at least in part by getting enough healthy food to kids and families.

• **We can prove the impact of solving hunger.** We are applying business and research methods in health care, education, and in other ways to demonstrate clearly that feeding our hungry neighbors is not only caring, but also creating measurable community improvements.

• **We can build success step by step until we solve this.** We need to do both more, and better, but we have a line of sight to a hunger-free community and are moving the needle now.

Thanks for being part of this important work. Stay tuned as we keep moving onward and upward!

Gerald F. Brisson, President & CEO
Imagine what our community would be like if nobody had to worry about hunger.

For individuals and families struggling to make ends meet, food is the most basic of needs. It can affect the ability to work, parent, learn or, at the very core, live healthy, fulfilling lives. Yet, how does Gleaners take its vision and mission to that next level, where more food can get into more households?

Gleaners has always maintained important partnerships and collaborations with businesses of all sizes, ensuring good work is fostered, underwritten and provided with funding and human capital support. But, what if rethinking examined new ways to enlist business, and further, integrated focused new programs into their business strategies, all aimed at positive outcomes and increased impact for all?

In 2017, Gleaners inaugurated just such a business integration pilot program with Henry Ford Health System, which was asked to explore the role of food in addressing health outcomes as defined in the triple aim of health:

- Improving patient care
- Improving the health of populations
- Reducing healthcare costs.

In Henry Ford, Gleaners identified a healthcare system where promoting healthy eating was already a priority. In 2013, Henry Ford adopted a Fresh Prescription program involving nutritionists, doctors and patients — all aimed at eating and living healthier. The new Gleaners pilot would take a slightly different approach.
Rather than simply asking for a check, Gleaners’ business integration initiative has the organization working side-by-side with Henry Ford to examine how Gleaners can provide healthy food options to Henry Ford patients in order to reduce hospital stays; admissions and readmissions; and improve chronic disease treatment overall.

“We already know the benefits of healthy eating but the ability to provide access to enough of the right types of foods continues to be a challenge for so many,” said Susan Hawkins, Senior Vice President, population health at Henry Ford. “Gleaners solves those issues for us and our patients.”

Launched in late 2017 at Henry Ford’s main campus and multiple ambulatory centers, the pilot program offers patients who meet certain criteria a range of healthy food options (at no cost to them), provided over a six month period.

“Our direct and longstanding relationships with area farmers, suppliers and food wholesalers and distributors affords us the ability to bring low-cost, high-quality nutrition to the table,” said Gleaners’ President & CEO Gerry Brisson.

“This initiative is going to positively impact our patients’ health and healing,” added Hawkins. “It is a partnership that is truly poised to benefit everyone involved.”
“Too many individuals facing financial and transportation challenges opt for fast food and gas station fare, yet, we know that the first step to staying healthy is eating healthy.”

Henry Ford’s Public Health Sciences department is studying the initiative to examine: readmission rates, frequency of emergency room use and other areas such as patient blood pressure and obesity levels.

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**ELIMINATING THE “EITHER-OR”**

Gleaners is also developing similarly-focused initiatives for other areas of healthcare such as federally qualified healthcare clinics and also sees the business integration program as sustainable and scalable to other industries such as utilities, where many are forced to make the choice between feeding their family or paying their utility bills. Further, the model could potentially aid any company employing low wage earners struggling to make ends meet by subsidizing the cost of food provided by Gleaners and offer it as a workforce benefit. As nearly half of Gleaners food recipients are employed, this would help in the areas of retention and job satisfaction.

Added Brisson, “When put into action across our community, this new approach aims to take hunger completely off the table. We are resolved to not just shorten the food line but eliminate the line entirely.”
At the Food Hub Client Choice Pantry at the Mercado in Southwest Detroit, an Arabic mother learning English often brings her 9-year-old son to translate and answer questions about their family’s weekly meals and which foods they run out of. Another mother is raising her growing children on her own and struggles to feed them; even getting to the pantry is a challenge because of her long work hours. Parents working seasonal jobs face lean months with little or no employment and limited transportation. “We have a grandmother who picks up food for her two grandsons,” says customer associate Michelle Angiano, who works with the families who come to the pantry. “Her husband is ill and unable to work. ... As her grandchildren grow older and bigger, they need more food, and every week is a struggle.”

These are just a few examples of the struggles local families face, and through the Mercado Family (pilot) Program, Gleaners Community Food Bank is finding new ways to help residents bridge the food gap. The pilot is a learning opportunity for Gleaners to better serve families not just in Southwest Detroit, but also throughout the five-county region that we serve. Launched last summer, the program has been extended through May 2018. Every other week, 60 families receive a box of nutritious, shelf-stable food, a variety of...
fresh produce, and refrigerated items such as milk. When families pick up their food boxes, staff and volunteers ask a few quick questions to learn about the challenges they are facing and if the additional food is enough to feed their families. Sometimes families still struggle to have enough to eat, but with innovative programs such as the Mercado Family Program, Gleaners is learning more about the need in the area and how to effectively help families who don’t know where their next meal is coming from.

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for Michigan, released September 2017 by Diana M. Pearce, PhD, defines the amount of income needed to meet basic needs without public assistance and according to the study, families are struggling to get by in Michigan. A job that pays minimum wage, which was $8.90 in 2017, does not cover the cost of basic needs. For example, a minimum-wage worker in Wayne County would have to work 108 hours a week in order to make enough money to pay for necessities such as housing, child care, and food. This self-sufficiency study is helping Gleaners discover more about struggling families’ specific needs in this area.

Based on family feedback on the pilot, Gleaners continues to adjust the selection and amount of food to best meet families’ nutritional needs. Week after week, families express gratitude and say they wouldn’t know what to do without this extra food assistance. Over half of the program participants report that paying rent and bills results in buying less food, which can

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result in skipped meals, hunger, and worry. Families especially run out of milk, and they request more fresh fruit and vegetables.

Where do families usually obtain food? Based on survey results, we learned that 85 percent of families shop at a grocery store, 28 percent purchased from a fruit/vegetable market or farm stand, 24 percent obtained food from a corner or convenience store, and 26 percent received food from a food pantry. Nine percent of families received extra food from friends or family, and 11 percent reported that their children receive breakfast, lunch, or supper at school.

Thanks to the Mercado Family Program, 89 percent of families recently reported they had enough food to feed their family during a two-week period. As this pilot program continues, Gleaners will learn more about what it takes to ensure families are food secure, developing solutions that will help get to the root of the problem and truly end hunger in southeast Michigan. When barriers are removed and food needs are met, families can focus on living healthy, financially stable, and happy lives without having to make sacrifices to make sure there’s enough food on the table.
MINIMUM WAGE IS NOT ENOUGH TO COVER THE COST OF BASIC NEEDS* IN MICHIGAN

The Self-Sufficiency Standard of Michigan, authored by Dr. Diana Pearce and prepared for the Food Bank Council of Michigan, calculates the real costs of what households need to meet all basic needs. This study gives Gleaners a way of knowing what people actually need to be self-sufficient and can be used to improve our support for our agencies and our community.

2017 MICHIGAN MINIMUM WAGE: $8.90/HOUR

AVERAGE MINIMUM WAGE NEEDED TO MEET BASIC NEEDS+

ONE ADULT
$10.58/hr*

FAMILY OF THREE
$25.00/hr*

FAMILY OF FOUR
$14.16/hr per parent*

This study gives Gleaners a way of knowing what people actually need to be self-sufficient. We can use that knowledge to do what we’re doing better and provide better support for our agencies and ultimately our community.

110 hrs/week* is the average number of hours needed for a single parent with two children to cover basic needs while working full time at minimum wage.

* food, shelter, transportation, day care, etc.
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2017 GCFB HIGHLIGHTS
We are pleased to share several successes from our last fiscal year.

Gleaners secured, stored, and distributed 42 million pounds food to those in need through 499 community partners and programs in 2017. This equated to more than 35.1 million meals reaching roughly 428,700 people in need. Produce accounted for 42 percent of the pounds distributed (17.5 million pounds).

The Client Choice Pantry Network, a collection of 51 Gleaners organizations operating client choice pantries, includes Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Brightmoor Connection, Shared Harvest, Fish & Loaves, and the Food Hub at the Ford Resource & Engagement Center. Combined, these five pantries served an average of 24,022 people per month and provided 5.9 million pounds of food (4.9 million meals) last year.

The School Food Mobile Pantry program served 79 schools throughout the region that lacked convenient emergency food access points. In 2017, Gleaners executed 1,001 distributions providing 3.04 million pounds of food, the equivalent of 2.5 million meals, for students and their families.

Gleaners’ Healthy Pantry Initiative increased fresh produce access and consumption for emergency pantry clients, impacting more than 9,000 households a month. Partner food pantries received refrigeration units to accommodate the increase in produce (85 percent more than the prior year) through more than 600 produce distributions.
Gleaners President’s Table is comprised of individual, corporate, and foundation donors who have contributed $15,000 or more in food, funds, or volunteer hours to help solve hunger in our region.

**THE GLEANERS LEGACY SOCIETY**

Established in 2008, The Gleaners Legacy Society exists to build a permanent source of funding in the Gleaners Endowment Fund to continue our mission of feeding hungry people and nourishing our communities. Members of The Gleaners Legacy Society are truly champions in the fight against hunger in southeast Michigan and shall ever be remembered for their valiant efforts.

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**2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**REVENUE**
- Donated Food $89,939,405
- Cash Donations $12,221,052
- Grants, United Way & Other $4,005,551
- Purchased Food Reimbursements $3,885,886
- Agency Shared Maintenance $695,320

**TOTAL REVENUE** $110,747,214

**EXPENSES**
- Donated Food $89,964,134
- Purchased Food $4,756,905
- Programs & Outreach $11,829,998
- Fund Raising $2,542,764
- Administration $1,038,678

**TOTAL EXPENSES** $110,132,479

97% Efficiency for Feeding Hungry Neighbors

**MEALS**
- Meals Distributed 35,104,970
- Meals Per Day 96,178
- Meals Per Week 675,095
- Meals Per Month 2,925,414

*Based on the most recent meals per pound equivalent determined by the USDA*
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Since 2013, I have had the honor and privilege to serve on Gleaners Community Food Bank’s board as treasurer and vice chair. This year marks my first at the helm as I take over for Katy Locker. It’s not only an exciting time for me, but also for Gleaners.

Gleaners’ mission has always been feeding hungry people and nourishing our communities. The traditional food bank model traces its roots to the 1890s when places of worship across the country provided soup kitchens and breadlines. It developed over the years as it became more formalized with the opening of the first food bank and the launch of school lunch programs in the 1940s through 1960s. Since launching more than 40 years ago, Gleaners has also evolved to address the needs of our hungry neighbors by rethinking how it will achieve this mission.

Through education and advocacy, we aim to reduce the reliance on emergency food by adopting best practices and cost-effective systems to achieve the highest possible return on its human and financial resources. This is especially important because human service agencies are facing tight budgets amid increasing demand for services.

One of the ways we can end hunger in our community is applying business and research methods in health care and education. Measuring in pounds per year has been Gleaners’ – and food banks in general – primary metric of success, but through relationships with the business community, Gleaners can explore the economic benefit of providing needed food and the positive impact it can have on families and the community.

How can business play a role in food security? By helping us solve problems to address people’s needs and challenges; devising transformational versus transactional solutions to hunger; and making food part of the financial investment equation, which helps provide increased value to our neighbors in need.

I look forward to working to help advance Gleaners’ vision to end hunger during my term as your board chair. Thank you for all you do and being a part of this important work.

All my best,

Jim Tompkins, Board Chair
General Auditor, DTE Energy

We have taken our work to a new level through innovative and strategic partnerships that will steer Gleaners in new directions.
Greg Kozlowski isn’t a new face around Gleaners - he celebrated 20 years with the organization in 2017! He credits his mom for his passion for helping people and desire to make a difference. When he got involved with Gleaners right out of high school, his desire to help was only fortified more. From driving trucks to moving pallets to working on the Information Systems Services (ISS) team, he’s worn many hats during his time at Gleaners. “Providing support to those serving the community benefits all parties and gives me a chance to help make a difference.”

Now, Greg is Gleaners’ ISS Manager and for him, each day is an opportunity to help different departments at Gleaners come up with creative solutions for solving hunger, whether it’s through new software or an analysis of the areas we serve. “I like to learn new things and this gives me a chance to help with all kinds of fixes for issues staff members have,” Greg says. “Each day is a little like a puzzle – it’s very analytical and keeps us very busy and active.”

He has a background in meteorology and mapping and admits that while those two don’t necessarily go hand-in-hand with food banking, he has been able to use his skills and knowledge to help Gleaners make progress in solving hunger.

Greg provides IT support to the Gleaners team, ensures that the inventory and ordering systems for Gleaners’ partner agencies work correctly, and supports the agencies using the Link2Feed client intake system.

Greg also works with other team members to identify gaps in the areas Gleaners serves and uses data and mapping software to better target where Gleaners can reach more people.

“My team motivates me to do what we do every day - feed hungry people,” Greg says. “No one wants to be hungry. You don’t think clearly when you’re hungry, your health is at risk - you need to nourishment to stay focused! Food security creates a happy, healthy community.”

“I enjoy helping others and I want to help eliminate food insecurity,” says Greg. “Providing support to those serving the community benefits all parties and gives me a chance to help make a difference.”
Gleaners celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Women's Power Breakfast this year. This annual fundraiser brings together powerful civic women from southeastern Michigan in support of our mission to feed hungry people and nourish communities.

When former Gleaners board member Dulcie Rosenfeld planned the first event in 1994, there were only two women on the board. She had no idea the fundraiser would grow from a group of 120 career women to over 650 attendees.

In 2014, a second event, Women's Power Happy Hour, was added to the mix. The Happy Hour has grown from 150 to over 300 attendees, and will continue as an annual pairing with the breakfast. The Women’s Power Breakfast will serve as the kickoff for the Million Meal Match Campaign, and this 30 day initiative concludes with the Women’s Power Happy Hour.

“The Women’s Power Breakfast continues to be a special event because it was founded on the idea that women can do anything they put their minds to.”

Thank you to Dulcie Rosenfeld, for inspiring 25 years of generosity and compassion in our communities.
UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018
Stamp Out Hunger
Participate right from your mailbox.

Join your community for Stamp Out Hunger, the nation's largest one-day food drive! Leave a non-perishable food donation at your mailbox by 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 12 for your letter carrier to collect.
www.gcfb.org/StampOutHunger

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018
Women’s Power Happy Hour
MGM Grand Detroit

Raise a glass and help raise funds to feed hungry children this spring. Enjoy sips, savories and a silent auction to conclude the Million Meal Match Initiative.
www.WomensPowerBreakfast.org

JULY 16-27, 2018
Hunger Free Summer Food Fight
Hosted by your organization or workplace

Join this year’s Hunger Free Summer Food Fight, a food and fund collection where organizations participate in a friendly competition to see who can raise the most meals to feed hungry kids. All donations matched by Citizens Bank.
www.gcfb.org/foodfight

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018
Bernie Smilovitz Hunger Free Summer Golf Classic
Detroit Golf Club

Join us for one of southeast Michigan’s premier charitable golf outings! Take part in a day of great golf, food, and fun. Your support will help provide 2 million meals for hungry children this summer.
www.BerniesGolf.com

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018
14th Annual Iron Chef Competition
Bordine’s Nursery of Brighton

Join us for the 14th Annual Iron Chef Competition and enjoy an evening of great food, entertaining company, and friendly competition — including secret ingredients and a mixology competition! Interested in participating? Email shohendorf@gcfb.org for more information.
www.IronChefEvent.org

FALL 2018
14th Annual Detroit Uncorked
Gleaners’ Detroit Distribution Center

For the fourth year in a row, Gleaners is thrilled to have been chosen as the Detroit Uncorked charitable partner and host. Join Gleaners and the Detroit Wine Organization in an exciting evening featuring more than 250 world class wines, Michigan handcrafted beers, premium spirits and brilliantly paired hors d’oeuvres. www.gcfb.org/uncorked

FIND MORE DETAILS on these and other upcoming events at www.gcfb.org/events.
**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Mastronardi Increases Access to Healthy Meals**

Over the past few years, Mastronardi has generously increased the number of donations to Gleaners, culminating with nearly **6 million pounds of high-quality, premium produce** in 2017. Thanks to their incredible support, Gleaners can provide hungry families with a variety of fresh produce such as tomatoes, peppers, and other product we normally wouldn’t get, helping to increase access to healthy, wholesome food in the community.

**Scouting for Food**

The Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan once again participated in Scouting for Food, a food drive that helps address the issue of hunger in the community. This year, the Scouts collected more than **210,000 pounds of food** from generous people in neighborhoods throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe and Genesee counties.

**Quicken Loans Food Drive**

In November, Quicken Loans employees in downtown Detroit came together in support of Gleaners by holding a food drive to collect donations. Through their hard work and effort, Quicken Loans collected more than **74,000 pounds of food** to help feed our neighbors in need.
Kroger Doubles Holiday Donations

Gleaners wrapped up the holiday season with our December Double Your Donation Day. Thanks to our remarkable supporters, Gleaners surpassed its goal and raised more than $450,000 to provide more than **2.5 million meals** to people in our community. Kroger, our match sponsor, generously doubled each donation to make each dollar go twice as far. Thank you!

Bringing Hope to the Table

Kroger teamed up with Gleaners in January to collect donations and help feed hungry neighbors through the winter. Thanks to Kroger, the Bringing Hope to the Table campaign and the generosity of our community, more than **365,000 pounds** of food was donated to Gleaners to help support hungry neighbors.

Ford Resource and Engagement Center Opens 2nd Location

On October 6, 2017, Ford Motor Company Fund celebrated the grand opening of the second Ford Resource and Engagement Center (FREC D2) at Fisher Magnet Upper Academy in Detroit. This hub connects residents to resources to help them achieve a sustainable quality of life. Gleaners supports the families who utilize the FREC D2 with **monthly food distributions** of fresh vegetables, fruit, whole grains, and lean protein.
1 SEND A CHECK:  
Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan  
2131 Beaufait St., Detroit, MI 48207-3410

2 CALL IN A CREDIT CARD OR INSTALLMENT GIFT:  
Development Operations,  
(866) 453-2637 ext. 660

3 DONATE ONLINE:  
www.gcfb.org

4 TRANSFER STOCK:  
Ryan Hoyle, (313) 923-3535 ext. 288  
or rhoyle@gcfb.org

5 ASK YOUR EMPLOYER FOR A MATCHING GIFT:  
Tell your employer you donated to Gleaners and request a matching gift. If your company does not have a matching gift program, ask about starting one. Contact Ryan Hoyle at (313) 923-3535 ext. 288, or rhoyle@gcfb.org with questions.

6 PROVIDE A MEMORIAL OR TRIBUTE GIFT FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION:  
Development Operations,  
(866) 453-2637 ext. 660

7 LEAVE A LEGACY:  
Ryan Hoyle, (313) 923-3535 ext. 288  
or rhoyle@gcfb.org

8 CONSIDER A CORPORATE CONTRIBUTION:  
Ryan Hoyle, (313) 923-3535 ext. 288  
or rhoyle@gcfb.org

9 HOLD A FOOD DRIVE:  
Bridget Brown, (313) 923-3535 ext. 335  
or bbrown@gcfb.org

10 SUPPORT AN EVENT:  
Ryan Hoyle, (313) 923-3535 ext. 288  
or rhoyle@gcfb.org

11 VOLUNTEER:  
You can help Gleaners in a variety of ways: packing food for distribution, mailing letters, or even at one of our special events. Individuals, families and groups are welcome. To help, contact a Gleaners volunteer coordinator:

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(313) 923-3535 ext. 239 or detvol@gcfb.org

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(313) 923-3535 ext. 403 or oakvol@gcfb.org

**Howell:** Delores Watters,  
(313) 923-3535 ext. 331 or livvol@gcfb.org

**Special Events:** Julie Ptasznik,  
(313) 571-0381 or eventvol@gcfb.org

**Cooking Matters:** Carolyn Sagi,  
(313) 923-3535 ext. 257 or csagi@gcfb.org

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Gleaners Distribution Centers:

Gleaners Detroit Headquarters & Distribution Center
2131 Beaufait St., Detroit

Gleaners Livingston County Distribution Center
5924 Sterling Dr., Howell

Gleaners Oakland County Distribution Center
120 E. Columbia Ave., Pontiac

Gleaners Taylor Distribution Center
25678 Northline Rd., Taylor

Gleaners Joan & Wayne Webber Distribution Center
24162 Mound Rd., Warren

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(313) 923-3535 or 1-866-GLEANER
(313) 923-2247 Fax
www.gcfb.org

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Thank you!!

Milk is one of the most requested items from our partners but least donated. With the help of our generous partners and donors, Gleaners was able to distribute over 130,000 gallons of fresh Michigan milk last year to help nourish local families!

A heartfelt “thank you” to our Michigan dairy farm families, and special partners:

United Dairy Industry of Michigan
Michigan Milk Producers Association
Kroger
Michigan Dairy