



GLEANERS HIGHLIGHTS

WHO:

Initiative Name:

FREC 1 Southwest and FREC 2 Eastside
(Ford Resource & Engagement Center)

Funding or Organizational Partner(s):

- Ford Motor Company Fund
- Gleaners Community Food Bank
- Detroit Public Schools Foundation

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WHERE:

Target Clients:

- Food insecure individuals and families living in targeted communities neighboring each center. FREC 1 Southwest currently serves 48209, 48210, and 48216 and FREC 2 Eastside serves 48205.

Locations:

- Ford Resource and Engagement Center Southwest - 2826 Bagley St. Detroit, MI 48216 - **Phone:** (313) 962-4888 - **Website:** www.FrecCity.org
- Ford Resource and Engagement Center Eastside - 15491 Maddelein St., Detroit, MI 48205 - **Phone:** (313) 733-1240 - **Website:** www.FrecCity.org - **Social Media:** @FrecCity on Instagram, Facebook, & Twitter.

WHAT:

Teams and Departments Involved:

Operations Team, Agency Relations Team, Volunteer Team, Programs Team

How They Contribute:

- **Operations Team:** Schedules delivery of food to the Food Hub Client Choice Pantry and the School Food Mobile Pantry
- **Agency Relations Team:** Operations of the Food Hub Client Choice Pantry
- **Volunteer Team:** Management of V-Hub and recruitment of volunteers for the Food Hub Client Choice Pantry and the School Food Mobile Pantry
- **Programs Team:** Management of the School Food Mobile Pantry, healthy pantry support and implementation of Cooking Matters classes

Community Impact:

- Both FRECs have a wide range of services that are provided to the community at no cost to them. Services range from cultural events to tax, legal, after school, entrepreneurship, adult education, art, and dance programs.
- FREC 1 Southwest provides food to over 466 families per month, we did over 2100 tax returns, and since opening its doors, FREC SW has provided over 2.6 million pounds of food!
- The FREC 2 Eastside school food mobile has serviced just under 5,000 families and has distributed over 281, 000 pounds of food since 2017.
- Over the past year the FREC provided free tax services by Accounting Aid Society produced a \$2.25 million economic impact between fees saved and refunds.
- 5 Community Block Clubs or Home Owner Associations call the FREC Eastside home.
- The FREC 2 Eastside hosts two after school programs: "Innovation Huddle" by the Jerome Bettis Bus Stops Here Foundation and Journi. They provide entrepreneurship and computer coding classes.
- In addition, the Detroit Food Academy teaches students from the community how to prepare healthy meals.

WHEN & HOW:

Scope:

- FREC programs are ongoing with introduction to new programming every year.
- FREC 1 Southwest has operated for 5 years and FREC 2 Eastside for 2 years.
- Days of the week:
 - FREC 1 Southwest operates: Monday - Friday: 8AM - 8:45PM, and Saturdays: 9AM - 3PM
 - FREC 2 Eastside operates: Monday - Friday: 8AM - 8PM, and Saturdays: 9AM - 3PM

What Does This Interaction Look Like on the Ground:

- We conduct programming centered on the three priority pillars of the Ford Resource and Engagement Center:
 - Quality of Life
 - Economic Growth
 - Basic Needs
- Clients enroll into a mobile or client choice pantry during an intake process which varies at each center.
- Aside from the Gleaners Food Programs at the FRECs, we engage clients and find out what other assistance they may be in need of, and help to navigate them to programs accordingly.
- FREC 2 Eastside has over 23 community and non-profit partners and is situated on the site of a Detroit Community District School Fisher Magnet Upper Academy.