

Hungar Solution Center

Fresh Solutions for Changing the Face of Hunger



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"It seems to me that every person,
always, is in a kind of informal
partnership with his community."

- Charles Stewart Mott, 1875-1973

A Community Comes Together Around Fresh Solutions for Hunger

people are impacted by the Food Bank of Eastern
Michigan annually and that number continues to grow.

The need is great, and this community rose to the challenge. You created a transformative gift for our community with the realization of the Hunger Solution Center. More than a building, the Hunger Solution Center is a living testament to our community's commitment to "Changing the Face of Hunger" — one that will bring our community closer to the cause of hunger alleviation.

Take a few moments with this booklet to learn more about how the Hunger Solution Center will enhance our community's ability to make an even greater impact on hunger. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the people and organizations that made it possible.

You've faced the issue of hunger head on, allowing us as a community to address the challenge of hunger for good.





Neighbors in Need

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The today's society, it seems inconceivable that people would lack something as basic as food. We live in a country abundant in resources making it possible to gather excess food and give it to hungry families. The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan annually impacts over 331,500 people, including 71,942 children and 40,376 senior citizens and distributes over 25 million pounds of groceries, a 53% increase in food over the past decade. The Food Bank is "The Source" of food for 400 partner agencies in 22 counties and this network provides food to neighbors in need and "Changes the Face of Hunger," one face at a time.

There's no shortage of stories about neighbors facing difficult times as the economy continues to affect their ability to provide for their families. We hear about children coming to school hungry; of seniors struggling with fixed budgets; of working poor families making tough decisions between feeding their families, paying for utilities or paying to keep their home.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan has worked diligently for more than 34 years to make a difference in the lives of those who are hungry. The new Hunger Solution Center will now handle the volume of food we can procure from food manufacturers, grocers, retail partners and fresh produce from Michigan farms. The new volunteer area and warehouse is now large enough to accommodate all the possibilities and a FRESH SOLUTION is underway.



New Programs to Help the Hungry



Proper nutrition, including **fresh fruits and vegetables** is essential to the health and well being of the people we serve. Exciting new opportunities exist with the support of local grocery chains, farmers and a superb volunteer workforce. However, the Food Bank had outgrown its original facility and couldn't accept this desperately needed product to help the hungry. The community raised funds to not just renovate a building, but to address hunger and provide help to children, working families, and seniors in the following manner:

Double Capacity: An additional 62,000 square feet of warehouse capacity, with appropriate truck loading dock and parking space, doubled the Food Bank's size.

Increase Produce from 4 to 12 Million Pounds: The primary purpose for the new space focuses directly on fresh produce the Food Bank wasn't able to accept in bulk. Partnerships with Michigan farmers allow the Food Bank to bring product in by the truckload to be packaged into family sized bags by volunteers.

Triple the Volunteer Work Areas: In 2014, 6,784 people volunteered over 60,312 hours in the Food Bank's warehouse. The Hunger Solution Center has brought dedicated space for several types of volunteer sorting activities, including packaging produce and sorting grocery items for distribution.

Innovative New Programs: The facility is now equipped to prepare meals for children's feeding programs, a nutrition education area, community room, space for retail store pick-up and eventually a teacher resource center for snacks and school supplies for classrooms needing help.

The effort of the community in making the Hunger Solution Center a Reality is highlighted through these innovations and dedicated use of space to enhance the Food Bank's mission. Working together, we are able truly able to "Change the Face of Hunger."

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Agency Nutrition Education

ringing the community together to engage in learning opportunities, the Agency Nutrition Education Room will host programming essential to improving the nutritional offerings that partner agencies help provide to at-risk families. This area will also focus on cooking with fresh options that will help partner agencies and enhance their important work. Teaching people how to prepare and cook fresh produce into healthy meals for their families will benefit adults and children whose interest is sparked by food samples and tastings prepared from fresh items. The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan believes this work is vital in its mission to not simply provide food, but to have people connect with the value of fresh product.

Transporting fresh produce through mobile deliveries provides this essential product right to neighborhoods that currently go without. In order to spread the education out to 22 counties of Michigan, the Food Bank will also provide Harvest of the Month recipes, taste tests and mobile cooking demonstrations right at sites to impact hundreds of families at a time. The impact of these programs will change how families prepare and eat food together, how having access to a variety of fresh produce they may have never tasted or tried to prepare before.



The ability to implement new solutions towards ending hunger and improving the quality of meals being prepared by the most vulnerable populations is key, not only to the new Agency Nutrition Education Room, but to the core work of the Food Bank overall.

Fresh From the Production Kitchen



n amazing 225,982 children in eastern Michigan qualify and participate in free or reducedpriced meals at school. These kids are also affected by hunger when school is out and worry about not having enough food. The new production kitchen is already helping with 3,000 prepared meals a day that are distributed to ten school sites for children in the Head Start program.

Research supports that children thrive and learn better with they are full and not worried about where their next meal might come from. The production kitchen plays a vital role in fulfilling not only meal requirements but by cooking up healthier meals and proper nutrition enhanced by fresh produce. Future expansion in production will move many after-school and summer feeding programs to these nutritional meals instead of shelf-stable product that is high in sodium and preservatives.

Volunteer Engagement

ith three times the space, the new volunteer room has a fully equipped work area offering additional conveyor sorting lines, in-floor scales, a three compartment sink and shrink wrap machine – all ergonomically placed and modified to make the work easier and more efficient for those giving their time to help. With nearly 7,000 individuals volunteering each year at the Food Bank, space is key to sorting reclamation product, store pick-up items and now produce.

One of the primary purposes of the Hunger Solution Center can now be realized with space for sorting and repacking bulk produce into family size units for distribution to partner agencies. Expanding healthy food opportunities with fresh produce and high protein items from the retail stores can now continue to grow through the volunteer time dedicated in this new space and work area.



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Growing Operations



ith increased growth in the Retail Store Pick-Up Program and produce opportunities with Farm to Food Bank, Michigan Agricultural Surplus Supply and Invest an Acre, the new warehouse, cooler and freezer can now accommodate bulk produce and increased loads of nutritious options for volunteers to sort and repackage. The Food Bank can now receive more varieties and volume of product to process, and redistribute through its partner agencies. The Hunger Solution Center increases efficiency and the ability to turn volatile product quickly to benefit families, children and seniors who need it.



through engagement. The appeal of the Food Bank network is broad as it reaches out to men, women, children and seniors of all backgrounds, race and beliefs who are affected by hunger. The community has recognized the Food Bank as a good steward of their contributions, appreciating the leveraging ability of the organization. Together, we will increase the amount of nutritious fresh food available through innovative programs.

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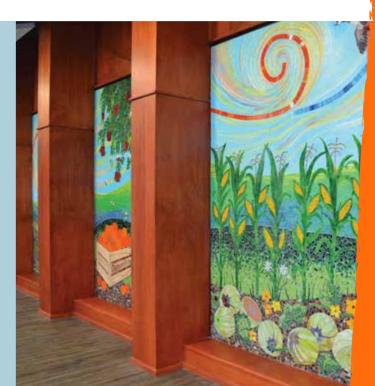
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