



# 2008

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Many Voices of Hunger



*We must give more  
in order to get more.  
It is the generous  
giving of ourselves  
that produces the  
generous harvest.*

*– Orison Swett Marden*



# The Voice of the Executive Director



Since its founding in 1983, the work of the Food Bank Council of Michigan has been to procure and distribute surplus food throughout the network of food banks in Michigan and to be the voice of the most vulnerable populations of our state. Who are the most vulnerable? The men and the women, the children and the elderly who, through a turn of circumstances, find themselves without the food and nutrition they need to be all they hope to be—whether that hope is to be the best worker, the best student or the best grandparent.

Our desire is to give people back their hope by giving them the nourishment they need and relieving them of the constant worry of where the next meal will come from. Unfortunately, with the current state of Michigan's economy, we anticipate the number of people finding themselves in such circumstances will continue to swell. On average, the need for emergency food assistance is up 30% from last year. At this critical time in our state, our work is more critical than ever.

To ensure that families in-need continue to receive the help they need, both now and for the future, we will work with our hunger partners to advocate for legislation and policies to preserve and enhance the provisions provided by food assistance and through child nutrition programs – which include school lunch and breakfast, child care meals, afterschool snacks, summer foods, and WIC. We will also continue to develop partnerships within the food and agriculture industries to secure a consistent source of nutritious, wholesome, fresh food for our food banks.

And I'm proud to report that in 2008, Food Bank Council of Michigan programs secured and distributed 50.2 million pounds of food throughout Michigan—up 25% over the previous year. However, as mentioned above, need is up by 30%, so we will continue to find a way to close that gap.

I'd like to thank our many donors and partners...without your support, we could not accomplish this work. Please take a moment to review the highlights of our successes this year and please feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback. Although the road ahead will be challenging, we look forward to meeting the challenge with you. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jane Marshall  
Executive Director

**In 2008, 39.2 million meals were provided to hungry Michigan citizens through Food Bank Council of Michigan food programs.**

**In 2008, Food Bank Council of Michigan worked with hunger partners throughout the state to help advocate passage of the 2008 Farm Bill which will help provide millions of additional meals for Michigan families over the next five years.**

**In 2008, hunger tours were established by Food Bank Council of Michigan to provide state legislators the opportunity to learn about hunger-relief efforts and meet the faces of hunger in their districts.**

The Food Bank Council of Michigan provides statewide leadership to members in their efforts to alleviate hunger through the distribution of surplus food to those in need.

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*What we do for  
ourselves dies  
with us. What  
we do for others  
and the world  
remains and is  
immortal.*

*– Albert Pine*



# Statement Of Financial Position

|   | 2008*              | 2007               |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                           |                    |                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | \$859,882          | \$1,232,339        |
| Grants receivable                       | 139,361            | 330,379            |
| Accounts receivable                     | 24,486             | 31,393             |
| Office property and equipment           | 15,883             | 6,263              |
| Other assets                            | 5,506              |                    |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                     | <b>1,045,118</b>   | <b>1,600,374</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                      |                    |                    |
| Accounts payable                        | 99,158             | 400,314            |
| Deferred grant revenue                  | 88,732             | 131,981            |
| Accrued payroll and related items       | 630                | 6,981              |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                | <b>188,520</b>     | <b>539,276</b>     |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                       |                    |                    |
| Unrestricted                            | 716,090            | 693,447            |
| Temporarily restricted                  | 140,508            | 367,651            |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>                 | <b>856,598</b>     | <b>1,061,098</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b> | <b>\$1,045,118</b> | <b>\$1,600,374</b> |

\*Statement is for period between January 1, 2008–September 30, 2008 due to change from calendar to fiscal year during this reporting period. This statement represents the condensed financial information for the Food Bank Council of Michigan. Copies of the complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

## SOURCES OF SUPPORT

In-kind contributions 88%
  Grant revenue 9%
  General contributions & other 3%

## EXPENDITURES

Program Services 98.5%
  Administration 1.4%
  Fundraising .1%

# 2008 Food Programs Accomplishments

## Michigan Agricultural Surplus System (MASS)

Funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Agriculture

The MASS program is a statewide effort to direct Michigan's surplus of agricultural products through the network of food banks to help ensure that hungry families have a source of nutritious, Michigan-grown fresh food. MASS provides a market for millions of pounds of produce that is wholesome and nutritious, but is unsalable in retail markets (due to size or blemish issues.) Without MASS, the produce would be sent to landfill or simply tilled under by the grower. The MASS program benefits Michigan growers by providing an additional market for their produce and benefits Michigan's most fragile populations by providing the high-quality nutrition they need.

*All men are  
created  
equal...life  
sometimes  
isn't quite  
as fair.  
– Unknown*



**2008 Success:** 4.9 million pounds of fresh produce directed to Michigan food banks.

## The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Education



*The freedom  
of man, I  
contend, is  
the freedom  
to eat.  
– Eleanor  
Roosevelt*

TEFAP is a Federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. Types of food distributed through TEFAP include: canned fruits and vegetables, fruit juice, meat and poultry, beans, pasta products, peanut butter, cereal and rice and soups. The Food Bank Council of Michigan distributes the food through the network of food banks which then distribute the

food directly to needy households or to hunger-relief programs that prepare and serve meals in a congregate setting.

**2008 Success:** 7.7 million pounds of food delivered to food banks, providing the equivalent of 6 million meals for Michigan families in-need.

# 2008 Food Programs Accomplishments



*Charity  
sees the  
need not  
the cause.*

*– German  
Proverb*

## Michigan Mobile Food Bank

Funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Human Services

Transportation is one of the most important and most costly elements of food banking. While much of the product in food banks is donated from generous retailers and wholesalers, there is a large expense in moving the donations around the state and into individual food banks. Michigan Mobile Food Bank provides our member food banks with the necessary funds to cover

transportation costs. Michigan Mobile Food Bank also helps support the dispatch of mobile food pantries for community food distribution in areas without established emergency food agencies.

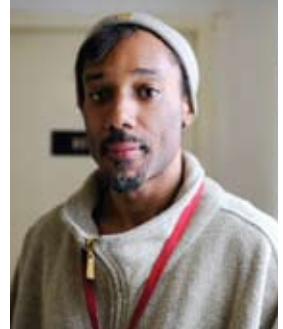
**2008 Success:** 17.1 million pounds of food was transported throughout the network of Michigan Food Banks.

## Family Food Box Program

Funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Human Services

The Family Food Box Program provides a one-time box of food to low-income pregnant women or families with children. The 20-pound food box includes staples such as: tuna, peanut butter, beans, pasta, chili and canned fruit and vegetables. The food boxes are a welcome addition for parents struggling to provide a variety of nutritious food for their families.

**2008 Success:** 13,336 boxes distributed, providing 208,000 meals for Michigan families in-need.



*Hope is the  
feeling that the  
feeling you have  
isn't permanent.*

*– Jean Kerr*

## Michigan Harvest Gathering

Funded by donations from Michigan corporations, foundations and individuals

Michigan Harvest Gathering is an annual fall food and fundraising event to feed Michigan families. Food Bank Council of Michigan sponsors and coordinates the campaign to help stock food bank shelves and to help pay for the cost of transporting emergency food around the state.

**2008 Success:** \$664,388 and 242,459 pounds of food donated which helped provide 3.2 million more meals for Michigan families in-need.

# How the Food Bank Council Gets Help to People in Need

Donations and Grants are Made to Food Bank Council of Michigan

Food is Procured from Growers, Retailers and Processors

Food is Transported into and around the State to Member Food Banks

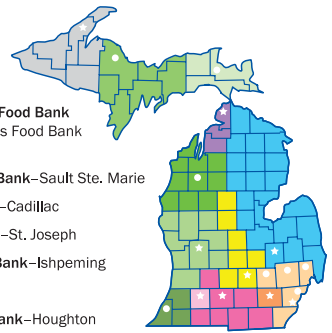
Food is Sorted and Distributed by Food Banks to Hunger-Relief Agencies

Hunger-Relief Agencies Give Food to Individuals and Families in Need

## Member Food Banks and Service Areas

- ★ Mid-Michigan Food Bank—Lansing
- ★ Food Bank of Eastern Michigan—Flint
- ★ Food Bank of South Central Michigan—Battle Creek
- ★ Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes—Kalamazoo
- ★ Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan—Detroit
  - Gleaners Food Bank of Livingston—Howell
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  - Central Upper Peninsula Food Bank—Ishpeming
- ★ Manna Food Project—Potoskey
- ★ Western Upper Peninsula Food Bank—Houghton



- ★ FBCM Member Food Bank
- Local supporting distribution warehouse and FBCM member

## How You Can Help Food Bank Council of Michigan

As a nonprofit organization, Food Bank Council of Michigan depends on the support of its members, foundations, corporate partners and individual donors to carry on its work of feeding Michigan's families in-need. Here are three ways you can help.

1. Sustained giving—Your monthly support helps ensure that we stand ready to help vulnerable families wherever and whenever the need arises. To become a monthly online supporter, go to [www.fbcmich.org/monthly](http://www.fbcmich.org/monthly)
2. Matching gifts—Many employers match charitable donations made by their employees. Check with your personnel department about your company's program.
3. Joining the fight—One in eleven Michigan families is at risk for hunger. Register online and add your voice to the fight against hunger in Michigan. You'll receive periodic hunger updates and the chance to make your voice heard in calls-to-action. To join, go to [www.fbcmich.org/join](http://www.fbcmich.org/join)

# Thank You to Our Donors...

The Food Bank Council of Michigan relies on the generous support of corporate, foundation, agricultural and individual donors. Thank you for all you give to help feed Michigan's hungry!\*

\*Due to change in fiscal year, listed donors are from January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008.



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