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West Michigan Food Bank

# FEEDING AMERICA WEST MICHIGAN: WHERE YOUR GIFT GOES INTO OVERDRIVE.

There's a lot you can do with your surplus food: maybe even more than you think.

When you give food and other grocery products to the Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank (formerly Second Harvest Gleaners of West Michigan), your good deed gets the best possible usage.

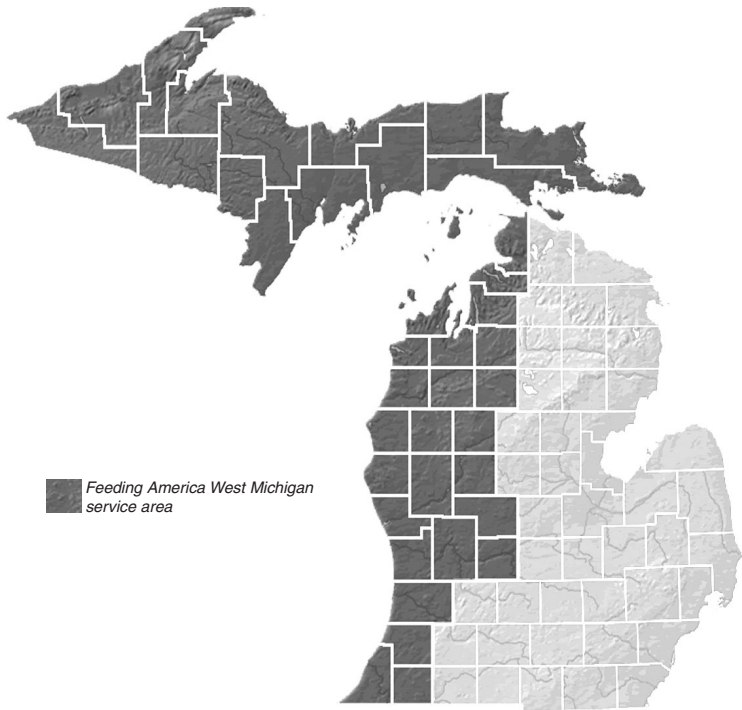


Known nationwide for its innovation and effectiveness, the Food Bank puts surplus food into pantries, soup kitchens and other agencies in 40 counties right here in West Michigan.

# When your good deed meets our best practices, great things happen.

*From our main warehouse in Grand Rapids throughout our bustling network—using our own trucks, satellite warehouses and mobile pantries—we keep meeting the need for food from Southwest Michigan to across the Upper Peninsula.*

*And we do it with a little purchased product and mostly donated surplus goods—keeping millions of pounds of usable products from going to waste in landfills.*



## Study our system.

Here's what happens when you make grocery donations to the Food Bank. We can send a truck (or trucks) to pick it up, or we can receive it at our Comstock Park (Grand Rapids) MI warehouse. From there, it's handled quickly and expertly in our proven efficient system, which includes six other warehouses, and covers 40 counties and more than 30,000 square miles.

Your donation is handled, processed as needed, stored and distributed according to the highest standards, including those set by the U.S.D.A., the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Grocery Manufacturers of America and the Food Marketing Institute—not to mention those of Feeding America.

We're experts in handling repacking (as needed), storage—and the dreaded recall. So you can turn over your goods with utmost confidence.

On average, according to our latest figures, our network distributes more than 100,000 pounds of donated food and grocery products each work day, meeting West Michigan's ever-growing need in these economically challenging times.

## Measure your impact.

More than 100,000 families. More than 1,300 food pantries, soup kitchens and other hunger relief agencies. These are the people and organizations the Food Bank supports—and the ones you help when you donate. And they're all right here, in West Michigan. They may even be people you know.

And thanks to innovations like our Mobile Pantries and Client Choice food programs, we help make sure that people get the food they'll use, when they need it—and while it's at its best.



## Be in good company

For more than 25 years, Michigan's farmers, truckers, processors, distributors, food brokers and retailers have entrusted us to distribute their surplus food. So have some of America's most respected corporate citizens. Here are just a few national and local donors:



## Build goodwill.

The Food Bank is known for doing amazing things. But of course, we can't do a thing without the help of donors like you. So we thank our donors publicly in our regular communications, and whenever else possible.

And of course, the IRS will recognize your donation too, with a deduction of your costs plus 50% of your normal mark-up.

Best of all, you'll keep your good food from going to waste—and get it where it's sure to do the most good.

## Take the next step.

To donate your surplus crops, commodities, food ingredients, packaging materials or finished grocery products, call Linda Vanderbaan at 616.784.3250 or email [lindav@FeedingAmericaWestMichigan.org](mailto:lindav@FeedingAmericaWestMichigan.org). or Russ Sweet at [russ@FeedingAmericaWestMichigan.org](mailto:russ@FeedingAmericaWestMichigan.org).

We'll get back in touch right away.