# Needy families bank on group's food collection efforts

What are you having for dinner tonigh? Next week? Next year? Even people who flippantly respond 'I'm not sure; I haven't thought that far abad? can be pretty sure they'll eat something. That is not the case for more than 80,000 people in Oakland county.

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"We help keep their lives
going," said Jim Macy, executive
director of the Oakland County
Food Bank in Pontiac. "Most of
the people in Oakland County
who get help are working and just
not making enough to meet their
secessities."

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The county food bank, serving Southfield, Clarkston, Farmington Hills, Oxford/Lake Orion, Rochester Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Hills Blirmingham and other Oakland communities, distributes literally tons of food to 100 community groups every couple weeks. The groups every couple weeks. The groups then give food to individu-

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als in their community. Between 70,000 and 80,000 people are assisted assessment.

20,000 and 80,000 people are assisted every month.

This method of distribution is
preferred over others, explained
the 10-year executive director and
Oakland County cridlent.

"If we tried to give food to individuals out of this building, there
would be a line all the way
around," he srid, speaking of the
food hank's building that sits a
well-traveled street. "That's prety demoralizing.

"The way we do it, volunteers
are able to meet with the people,
able to share their stories and
provide referrals to help get them
through."

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nity in Oakland County has a place (like this) that is distributing food."

The reason many corporate donors, like General Mills and Keliogg's, volunter their food is twofold. First, they support the worl: of the Oakland County Food Bank. Second, they do not have to pay for dumping their food surplus.

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pay for dumping their food sur-plus.

Before 1967, when corporate food processors had a surplus of food, they paid to have it trans-ported to a landfill and dumped. Van Hengel prompted corporate food processors to save their mon-ey by calling food bank officials and allow them to make transpor-tant accommodations to deliver to the good trailer load worth \$50,000 of cereal Friday, and it cat us \$250 to transport it from Battle Greek to Pontiac. So it cost us about a penny a box for cereal from Kellogg's," he said. That compares to grocery store prices of \$3 to \$5 a box. Cereal is not the only food item

tion accommodations to deliver the food bank.

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stored at the food bank. The organization also collects vegetables, fruits, meats and items to fulfill all the basic food groups. Items are stored in a 20,000-square-foot facility.

Hattle Manley, the food program coordinator for St. Stephen's Haptist Church in Funitac, is one of the many people who come to the food bank to pick up food for distribution.

"I come here once a week and take the food back to the church and stock our shelves. Two times a month, we pack up bores and give them to people," said the six-year volunteers. She along with the other volunteers are careful to include as many of the necessities as they can.

"But we don't get meat very of-

enough to keep her committed.

Macy agreed that there are a lot of needs and commended a particular group of people who are working to address those needs.

"The religious community are particularly sensitive to the needs of the community, he said, noting that most of the 100 level distribution centers are churches.

Macy expects to collect 394 million pounds of food this year, up from 2½ million pounds from 1993.

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1993.

"The food that we give out this
year... You could fill the Palace of Auburn Hills 175 times and
we could provide food for all of
them," he said.

It is that sense of giving, coupled with the "wonderful people"
that brings the former Catholic
priest to work every morning.

"I'm positioned in the middle
of two groups of giving people
the donating corporations and the
volunteers who give food to the
people."

people."
"We all try to help in whatever

### $Local\ centers\ accessible\ for\ food\ drop-off$

Although the Oakland County
Food Bank works to distribute
food to citizens in need all year
round, the holiday season is particularly important. Fortunately,
that is also when people are most
giving, said Jim Macy, executive
director for the Oakland County

food items at local community distribution centers such as: Rochester Hills, St. Alexander, Farmington Hills Baptist, Farmington Hills, Fire Points Community, Abuburn Hills, Lakes of Charity, Bloomfield Hills, Light Beth El, Birmingham; Walled Lake; and Orion Fish, Lake Orion/Oxford; Yad Ezra, Southfield Lake; and

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