

# FOOD + FUND DRIVE CHECKLIST

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN COORDINATING A FOOD AND/OR FUND DRIVE TO HELP ALLEVIATE HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY. HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL HINTS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR CONTRIBUTION:



## PREPARATION

- Decide what type of drive you want to host - are you collecting food, funds, or both?
- Decide on a drive length and goal.
- Decide on a collection method:
  - Boxes are perfect for any food drive that generates 300 lbs. of food or less. KLF can provide large boxes and a poster for decoration.
  - Large fiber barrels hold up to 150 lbs. of food each, and larger metal crates are available for more sizable food drives.
- Inform KLF of the food drive so that we can provide collection receptacles. We also supply promotional materials that offer further information about our cause and promote your efforts on social media. Contact Food Procurement Specialist Marvin King at 269.488.2617 ext. 224 or at [marvin@kzoolf.org](mailto:marvin@kzoolf.org) for more information.
- Send out memos, phone messages, and emails to promote your drive. Include the drive in a newsletter article or on social media and encourage participants to visit [kzoolf.org](http://kzoolf.org) to learn more about hunger in our community.



## DURING THE DRIVE

- Monitor the amount of food and funds donated so you can keep participants up-to-date on the drive's progress. Let us know if we need to pick up a full barrel or crate, or drop off additional collection receptacles.
- Send out creative messaging to keep people excited about reaching your stated goal.



## WHEN IT'S OVER

- If your drive amasses more than 300 lbs., we can pick up the donation. If not, please deliver your collection to our administrative office located at 901 Portage Street in Kalamazoo from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Celebrate! We will inform you of the amount of food and funds you collected so you can share it with everyone who participated.

# A LITTLE ABOUT KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES



## KLF MISSION

KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES WILL FEED HUNGRY PEOPLE AND ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FIGHT TO END HUNGER.

### DURING OUR 2015/16 FISCAL YEAR

700

KLF PROVIDED FOOD ASSISTANCE TO AN AVERAGE OF 700 INDIVIDUALS PER SERVICE DAY.

3+  
MILLION

KLF DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 3 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD TO HUNGRY RESIDENTS OF KALAMAZOO COUNTY.

156  
THOUSAND

KLF SERVED 156,661 FOUR-DAY FOOD ORDERS THROUGH ITS GROCERY PANTRY PROGRAM.

TWENTY+

KLF OFFERS FOOD ASSISTANCE AT MORE THAN 23 PANTRY SITES THROUGHOUT KALAMAZOO COUNTY THROUGH OUR GROCERY PANTRY PROGRAM. IN TOTAL, WE OFFER SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD ASSISTANCE AT MORE THAN 71 SITES IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR MANY INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS.

1982

FOR MORE THAN 33 YEARS, KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROVIDER IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY.

### PANTRY SITE LOCATIONS

AUGUSTA	PARCHMENT
COMSTOCK	PORTAGE
GALESBURG	RICHLAND
KALAMAZOO	VICKSBURG



FOOD

FOOD DONATIONS PROVIDE A DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN DONORS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY. DONATIONS FROM OUR COMMUNITY ACCOUNT FOR SOME OF THE HEALTHIEST AND HIGHEST-QUALITY FOOD WE RECEIVE. FRESH PRODUCE AND NUTRIENT-RICH ITEMS ARE SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE SO THE ITEMS DONATED BY BUSINESSES, FARMS, INDIVIDUALS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS ARE CRITICAL IN OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD AN ACTIVE AND HEALTHY FUTURE FOR KALAMAZOO COUNTY.

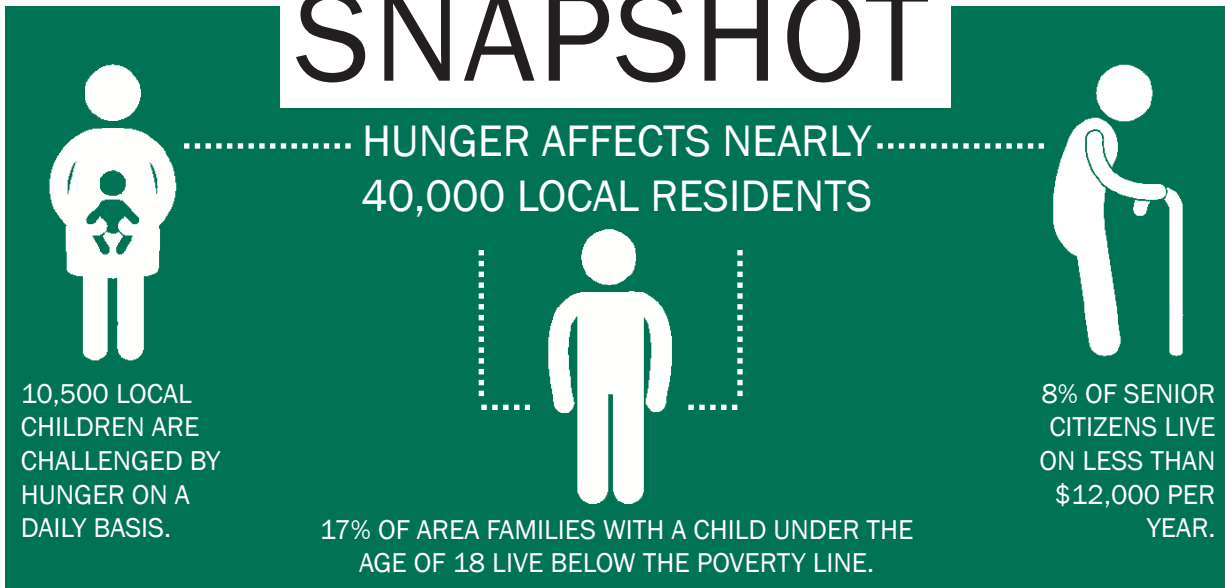


CASH

CASH DONATIONS ALLOW US TO KEEP OUR PANTRY SHELVES STOCKED, OUR FREEZERS COOL, AND OUR TRUCKS ON THE ROAD FIVE DAYS PER WEEK. THEY ALSO SUPPORT INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AIMED AT ALLEVIATING LOCAL HUNGER. MOST IMPORTANTLY, MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS ALLOW US TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR PENNIES-ON-THE-POUND PURCHASING POWER THROUGH OUR CONNECTION WITH FEEDING AMERICA AND THE FOOD BANK OF SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN. WE CAN PROVIDE THREE MEALS FOR EVERY DOLLAR DONATED.

# KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS + GUIDELINES

WHO IS HUNGRY IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY?



## FOOD WISH LIST

### PROTEINS:

CANNED MEATS, HEARTY SOUPS, BEEF STEW

### FRUITS:

CANNED, PREFERABLY WITHOUT SUGAR OR CORN SYRUP ADDED

### 100% FRUIT JUICE:

CANNED OR PLASTIC

### VEGETABLES:

CANNED, PREFERABLY WITHOUT ADDED SALT

### GRAINS:

PASTA, RICE, OATMEAL

\*KLF ALSO ACCEPTS PERISHABLE ITEMS INCLUDING FRESH PRODUCE.



## NOT ACCEPTED

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR SERVICE RECIPIENTS, KLF DOES NOT ACCEPT:

- RUSTY, BADLY-DENTED OR UNLABELED CANS
- GLASS CONTAINERS
- HOMEMADE ITEMS
- NON-COMMERCIAL CANNED OR PACKAGED ITEMS
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR MIXERS
- OPEN OR USED ITEMS

KLF HAS PENNIES-ON-THE-POUND PURCHASING POWER. THIS MEANS THAT:

FOR EVERY DOLLAR THAT'S DONATED, KLF CAN PROVIDE 3 MEALS