



# The Daily Gatherer



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## Food Gatherers

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## Grillin' Makes a Move

Thanks to the muscle and creativity of 200 volunteers, Grillin', our annual fundraiser, made a big move to a new home at the Washtenaw Farm Council grounds on Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Despite rain and tornado warnings, a record 1442 guests attended the 14th annual event. New features at Grillin' 2003 included a silent auction, grilled corn on the cob, a new Zingerman's dessert, as well as indoor plumbing and unlimited parking!

Volunteers sliced, diced, scrubbed and moved lots of boxes to transform the new venue into Grillin' Central. Grillin' volunteers donated nearly 3000 hours of their time which translates into the equivalent of \$50,000. Wow! We would like to give special thanks to some of the veteran artists and creative geniuses who have made Grillin' look, feel and sound like Grillin' every year. These amazing folks transform a barn or a parking lot into a festive carrot-filled extravaganza; and they do so without the proper tools in just a few hours and often in the rain.

The following folks have donated all of their creative services for 10 years or more!

**Lori Saginaw**- the creative goddess behind all that is Grillin'.

**WAP John and Jeff Chanley of Grafaktri Inc.**- the makers of giant vegetables, truck graphics, cool signs and our sponsorship plaques.

**Judy Seling**- the graphic designer and patient woman who creates all our invites, ads, and other promotional material.

**George Bedard and the Kingpins**- George, Randy and Rich rock our Grillin' world!

Since nearly all the food, labor and artwork is donated, your Grillin' ticket really does fight hunger. Grillin' raises about 20% of Food Gatherers' operating budget. The proceeds from this event help keep our trucks on the road rescuing 3.4 tons of food daily. Thanks to everyone for making Grillin' 2003 a success!



Look for our thank-you ad this fall in the local papers recognizing all our sponsors and donors.

**Grillin' is always the second Sunday of June--see you next year on June 13.**

If you attended the event but haven't had a chance to give us feedback on our new location, please do us by contacting [missyorge@aol.com](mailto:missyorge@aol.com) or by calling the office.

## Music that Feeds the Soul (and Stomach!)

Ann Arbor has a bustling music scene, but did you know that listening to great music can also help fight hunger? On the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December), The Ark, in conjunction with Fleming, Temulevich and

Associates, holds "Take a Chance Tuesday" spotlighting talent from all over the country. This free concert starts at 8pm, and non-perishable food donations are suggested - which are then given to Food Gatherers.

If you forget to bring food, financial donations are also accepted for Food Gatherers.



For more information on who's playing each month, visit The Ark's website: [www.a2ark.org](http://www.a2ark.org)

## Bread and Butter: Our Most Bountiful Food Donors

This is a partial list that features our REGULAR DONORS who appear on our weekly food run schedule. In fact, we receive food from over 300 donors annually, ranging from school food drives to campus dormitory food at the close of semesters. A full list is available by contacting Food Gatherers.

Ann Arbor YMCA—Chain of Plenty

Arbor Farms Market

Barry Bagel's Place

Big Ten Party Store

Boyer's Meat Processing

Brownberry/Thomas Baked Goods

Burns Park Elementary School

Busch's, Your Food Store—all locations

Ciaccio Produce

Clockworks

CVS

Del Rio Bar

Dough Boys Bakery

Downtown Home and Garden

Eastern Michigan University

Eby-Brown

Ed's Bread

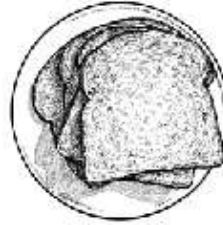
Farmer's Market—Ann Arbor

Food Bank Council of Michigan

Frog Holler Produce

Gleaner's Community Food Bank, Taylor

Gordon's Food Service



Great Harvest Bread Company

Honey Baked Ham

Jefferson Market

Kroger, Co. —all locations

Merchant of Vino

Panera Bread

People's Food Co-Op

Seva Restaurant

Tio's Restaurant

University of Michigan—Executive Residence

Whole Foods Market

If you don't see a name on the list, ask us first and please don't assume it's because they don't support hunger relief. Keep in mind that some donors choose to remain anonymous and others may have donated without leaving their names.

## Food Drive Champions

The following organizations and businesses have exceeded 1,000 pounds of food collected in a Food Drive

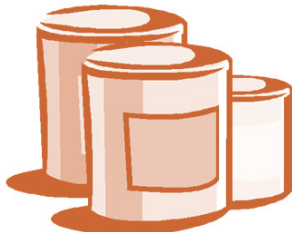
A<sup>3</sup> Disc Golf Club

Borders Books and Music

Bowen Field House EMU

Dexter Community Schools

Edwards Brothers



1st United Methodist Church—Chelsea

Gretchen's House

Jewel Heart Store

Kool 107 FM/Busch's Your Food Store

McNaughton & Gunn

Thomson Shore

Northville High School

Ronald McDonald House

Slausson School

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

Temple Beth Emeth

The Ark

University of Michigan Health System

UMBS Food Fight

UM School of Engineering

University of Michigan Credit Union

## You Can Make a Difference with a Food Drive!

Join the Food Drive Champions!

We depend on canned food drives to help us provide non-perishable staples to those in need.

Summer and early Fall are especially difficult for some families who depend on school breakfast and lunch programs for nutritious meals for children. Please

consider holding a food drive - large or small - every bit helps! We can provide containers, literature, and a pickup for your food drive.

Please give us a call and let us know how we can assist you in this important event! You can also get information from our website: [foodgatherers.org](http://foodgatherers.org)

We need...

Canned Meats, Tuna Fish, Soup

Peanut Butter, Cereal & Rice

Mac & Cheese & Kid's Snacks

# What's Cooking in the Kitchen?

After many years of planning, the Community Kitchen is scheduled to open in January.

The Community Kitchen is housed on the first floor of the new homeless center being built on Huron Street in Ann Arbor.

Most, if not all of the community free breakfasts, lunches and dinners currently served at more than seven different locations in Ann Arbor will have a permanent home in the kitchen. Stocking one central pantry will reduce food waste as well as promote more nutritious and effective menu planning.

The kitchen is designed to accommodate lots of volunteers. When meals are not being served, volunteers will transform such things as pallets of ripe tomatoes into shelf stable spaghetti sauce, frozen for later use. Training programs such as the Chain of Plenty will have a larger and more professional kitchen to teach vocational and life skills to kids with special needs.



**The Community Kitchen is a collaboration among the following Ann Arbor based hunger relief organizations: Food Gatherers, St. Andrews Breakfast Program, Ann Arbor Hunger Coalition, and The Chain of Plenty/YMCA. Our intent is:**

**-To use our collective resources more efficiently to feed people in need,**

**-To use food as a tool to engage and nourish our entire community**

## Breaking New Ground in the Fight Against Hunger

Did you know that the Washtenaw County community routinely donates more food than Food Gatherers can fit in our current building, a recycled slaughterhouse?

Food Gatherers has been renting additional warehouse space for a number of years and has even had to turn down offers of large donations of food. At the same time, non-profit agencies are requesting more food assistance. In order to glean more food and better serve our partner non-profits, Food Gatherers is building a food distribution center designed to accommodate the bounty of food and volunteer support offered to us. The new building

will be 16,550 square feet and will be located just a few feet behind our current home. The capital campaign is chaired by Mike and Judy Nold and Paul Saginaw; the \$3.5 million campaign goal will cover the site development work, the construction and outfitting of the new building, etc. For the first time in gathering history, we will be able to use standard warehouse equipment such as lift trucks.

Food Gatherers' mission is to alleviate hunger and address its root causes. Since many of the recipients of food assistance struggle to find affordable housing, it made sense to sell a portion of our Dhu Varren property to Avalon Housing, a fellow non-profit dedicated to

housing low income folks. Once our new food distribution center is built and we move our operations, the slaughterhouse will be demolished and Avalon will build 30 townhouses designed for families and people with disabilities. The road that connects our respective developments will be named "Carrot Way."

We are literally breaking new ground in the fight against hunger--building a facility that will enable us to provide more food resources to 180 non-profit programs and at the same time partnering with another non-profit to house our neighbors in need.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Margie Hagene

Margie Hagene has been a dedicated volunteer since the early days of our food rescue program. Beginning as a weekly food runner, she is now our top ticket seller for Grillin', the brains behind the Salad Team, and a mighty helper before, during and after the event—often seen sun-up to sun-down for many days in a row! Margie is a wonderful Food Gatherers Ambassador, spreading the word to

everyone she encounters and sending much-needed help our way. We are constantly amazed at her energy and her straightforward approach to getting things done—including convincing Ford Motor Company to donate a brand new truck last year, affectionately christened "The Margie". As if that's not enough, she also helps us out with our monthly grocery distribution program at Parkway Mead-

ows. It would take more than a newsletter article to fully tell of Margie's greatness and what she contributes to the fight against hunger in our community, but we just want to say:

"Thanks for your dedication and hard work—we couldn't do it without you!"



## Food Gatherers

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS!**

**P.O. Box 131037**  
**Ann Arbor, MI 48113**

Checks can still be sent directly to our bank deposit box:  
P.O. Box 7971 Ann Arbor, MI 48107-7971

**Food and Cash Donations**  
are still accepted at our headquarters on Dhu Varren Road

Phone: 734-761-2796 Fax: 734-930-0550

Website: [foodgatherers.org](http://foodgatherers.org)

E-mail: [Foodgather@aol.com](mailto:Foodgather@aol.com)



### Fighting Hunger Where We Live

Food Gatherers exists to eliminate hunger and its root causes in Washtenaw County by: reducing food waste through the rescue and distribution of perishable and non perishable food; coordinating with other hunger relief providers; educating the public about hunger; and developing new food resources.

## Food for Thought...

- ⇒ The US Department of Agriculture reports that up to half of the food produced in the U.S. is thrown out, yet 1 in 4 children and 1 in 6 senior citizens do not have an adequate nutritional diet
- ⇒ 51% of the recipients of emergency food are children

- ⇒ Food Gatherers provides 2 million pounds of donated food from over 300 local businesses to over 180 community programs

- ⇒ Food Gatherers rescues 3.4 tons of food every day that would otherwise go to waste

- ⇒ Food Gatherers can provide 100 meals for just \$20

- ⇒ One hour of volunteering helps us provide food for up to 80 people who would otherwise go hungry

- ⇒ 1 in 13 Michigan Residents use food banks

- ⇒ Less than 12% of the recipients of emergency food are homeless



- ⇒ Almost 1,500 people volunteered with Food Gatherers in 2002

- ⇒ Food Gatherers is one of the first 6 food rescue programs in America (first in Michigan!) and is entering its 14<sup>th</sup> year of providing food throughout Washtenaw County

- ⇒ Food Gatherers' new website has launched!

Check it out at:

[Foodgatherers.org](http://Foodgatherers.org)

A hearty "thank you" to Whole Foods Market for donating 5% of sales on Community Support Day!  
Over \$3,000 was raised on National Hunger Awareness Day,  
June 5