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## Tax Credits For Your Donation to the Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry

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## Thank You Donors & Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has given groceries, had food drives, or given financial assistance. The food pantry needs community support combined with the local churches to provide this ministry to the residents of the City of Hartford, Hartford Township, and Keeler Township.

The Student Council of Hartford Middle School is pictured here with groceries from their food drive for the pantry last fall. The High School also had a drive collecting funds at Harding's. Between the two groups, it was estimated that we received around \$2,000 worth of groceries and funds.

The Tri-City CROP Walk in the fall is another way to support hunger here as well as worldwide. We received \$1,005.75 from that event. The Post Office also has a food drive coming up in May that will benefit the food pantry.

A special thank you to Bonna VanderLyn, Tim Hildebrand, and Harding's for the thousands of dollars in groceries that Harding's donated to the food pantry last year. Please be sure to shop our local Harding's in an effort to thank them for their continued support.

Thank you also to the many volunteers who donate countless hours in the food pantry throughout the week as well as on Saturday mornings. Many thanks to Connie Kilburn and Odena Hansen in the Methodist Church office for providing statistical and financial statements on a monthly basis.

If you would like to volunteer or if you would like further information, contact Del Troutman at 621-3663. Del is also available to come to your church or organization to speak about the food pantry.



If you make monetary contributions to a Food Bank and file a State of Michigan income tax return you can get a tax CREDIT from the state as well as a deduction from the federal government. This is a Win-Win situation for you and the needy persons in our area.

The State of Michigan gives a 50% income tax credit for financial contributions to Food Banks (limited to \$100 per single person/\$400 per couple). The Federal government allows a deduction for such gifts which varies depending on your income, but usually averages about 25% of the contribution. What this all amounts to is that every dollar you contribute to Feeding America for Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry will only cost you about 25 to 40 cents after you file your tax returns.

Couple that with the fact that you can get over 20 times as much food from the Food Bank than you could at the grocery store for the same cost and you can see that what we have here is a modern day recreation of the "Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes". You can provide the needy persons in our community with about \$50-\$80 worth of food for an after tax cost to you of only \$1.

This works because tax credits and deductions described above only apply to contributions made to Food Banks and not to Cooperating Ministries directly. You need to send your monetary donation directly to Feeding America, formerly

known as Southwest Michigan Gleaners. On your check you must write account #40055.

When the Food Bank receives your donation, they will credit the entire amount of your donation to Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry account. You will receive a receipt from the Food Bank.

**Write our Acct #40055 on your check and mail to:**

**Feeding America  
864 W. River Center NE  
Comstock Park, MI  
49321-8955**

Feel free to copy the enclosed sheet that explains the tax credit advantages in this article, and distribute to your friends and congregations.



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*"There's over 2,500 verses in the Bible that deal with the issue of helping the poor, the sick, the hungry. God set it up that we are to address this issue and that he works through us. His Plan B? Well, I don't know what Plan B is. Plan A is the way he set it up." by Tony Hall, Former U.S. ambassador for humanitarian issues, on the global food crisis.*

### SERVICE TOTALS FOR 2008

Month	Families Served	Adults Served	Children	Filled Grocery Bags
January	51	86	96	101
February	38	58	70	75
March	35	59	43	70
April	76	118	117	152
May	59	95	87	118
June	72	116	81	146
July	38	64	61	76
August	50	65	89	106
September	49	84	59	102
October	46	70	61	75
November	77	121	141	175
December	73	102	96	144
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>1340</b>

### SERVICE TOTALS FOR 2007

Month	Families Served	Adults Served	Children	Filled Grocery Bags
January	45	66	53	90
February	41	56	49	78
March	42	62	40	81
April	39	56	59	78
May	46	68	60	92
June	41	60	53	81
July	31	47	45	62
August	37	54	45	76
September	40	64	58	79
October	56	93	66	108
November	48	77	87	96
December	44	73	75	88
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>1009</b>

**Food List—Items may be dropped off at the Methodist Church where the Food Pantry is housed, or contact Del Troutman 621-3663 for pick-up.**

Tuna	Beans (Canned Beans or Dried Pinto Beans)
Hot Dogs	Meats that are prepackaged and can be frozen
Canned meats	Canned stew
Soups	Vegetables, Canned, Frozen, Fresh
Fruits, Canned, Frozen, Fresh	Juices
Rice, Bagged, Boxed	Cereal
Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta Sauces	Instant Potatoes
Instant Milk	Canned Milk, Shelf Milk, Fresh Milk
Dry Pastas, Ramen Noodles	Bread
Margarine	Shampoos
Toilet Paper	Bar Soap
Dishwashing Detergent	Laundry Detergent
Deodorant	Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT - 1/1/09—3/31/09

Ordinary Income Expense

Income

4—Contributed Support

4010—Individual/business contributions

4011—Hartford UMC 567.92

4012—Keeler UMC 87.25

4013—Federated Church 75.00

4014—Church of God 75.00

4015—West Michigan Conference of UMC 100.00

4016—Church World Service (CROP Walk) 1,005.75

4019—Other

4019-1—Soup Supper Donations 891.85

Total 4019—Other 891.85

4010—Individual/Business Contributions—Other 200.00

Total 4010—Individual/Business Contributions 3,002.77

Total 4—Contributed support 3,002.77

Total Income 3,002.77

Expense

8100—Non-personnel expenses

8110—Food & Supplies 1,690.62

Total 8100—Non-personnel expenses 1,690.62

Total Expense 1,690.62

Net Ordinary Income 1,312.15

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