

## Great News for Supporters of



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 contributed to the Feeding America for the Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry in Hartford Michigan will only cost you about 25-40 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 at the grocery store for the same cost. 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!**

### **How This Works**

Tax credits and deductions described above only apply to contributions made to Food Banks and not to churches or other non-profit agencies. In order for qualify for the credits and deductions, your monetary donation must be sent directly to **Feeding America** (formerly known as Southwest Michigan Gleaners). On your check, you must write **Account #40055**. Or if you have an envelope from the food bank, on the fold down flap you must check the third circle from the top and write in Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry and our agency number #40055 in the blank to the right. Then seal the envelope, apply postage, and drop it in the mail. If you don't have a pre-addressed envelope, send to:

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

To contribute to the Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry, write in the memo area of your check  
**Account #40055**

When the Food Bank receives your donation, the entire amount will be credited to the Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry account. Every cent you donate will be used by the Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry to buy food and related commodities for needy persons in your community!

You will receive a receipt from the Food Bank that can be used as proof of the donation when filing your state and federal tax returns.

Read more about Cooperating Ministries Food Pantry at  
[http://www.hartfordmichigan.com/coc/Directory/hba-business\\_services.htm#Cooperating](http://www.hartfordmichigan.com/coc/Directory/hba-business_services.htm#Cooperating)

### **Questions:**

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