Dear Friends,

On a brisk fall day 25 years ago, a group of volunteers with a borrowed van collected 50 pounds of vegetables, bread, milk, and eggs from grocery stores and restaurants and distributed it to hot meal programs in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. A lot has changed since that first food run. We now distribute more than 5 million pounds of food each year, and our new warehouse expansion will allow us to gather even more in the future! But every pound of food that crosses our doors is still delivered with the same spirit of community and compassion that inspired that first group of gatherers. We still believe, as they did, that in a nation of plenty, no one should go hungry.

We want to take this opportunity to celebrate our past while looking forward to the next 25 years and the exciting changes they will bring. Whether you’ve been gathering with us since the beginning or have recently joined us in the fight against hunger, your support has brought us to this milestone. Your generous donations, volunteer hours, and advocacy are reflected on every page of this report.

Thank you for 25 years of gathering.

Sincerely,

Eileen Spring
President/CEO
In 2012-2013, you helped us...

GATHER a balanced variety of food choices to distribute to those in need

We distributed 5.45 million pounds of food to 150 non-profit programs that serve our hungry neighbors. That's enough for more than 15,000 meals per day!

Food Gatherers’ total food distribution

35% produce
20% protein

3,408,972 pounds of food rescued

6 trucks, 52 food runs per week, 52 weeks per year
EMPOWER children and youth to live happy, healthy, hunger-free lives

Through the Summer Food Service Program, we served up 11,516 meals and snacks and provided fun nutritional lessons to 300 children.

Through a variety of initiatives, we have provided access to healthy snacks and fresh produce for children and families at Estabrook Elementary School, Brick Elementary School, Ann Arbor Preschool, and Washtenaw County Head Start.

Fourteen at-risk youth graduated from Food Gatherers Community Kitchen Job Training Program, which instructs students in culinary, professional, and life skills.
ENGAGE dedicated volunteers in fighting hunger where we live

5,501 different people volunteered at Food Gatherers in fiscal year 2013, accounting for 72,741 hours of time valued at $1,610,486.* This accounts for 70% of all hours worked at Food Gatherers!

“Despite their divergent life experiences, the [Community Kitchen] clients all had one thing in common: they were immensely thankful to all the volunteers who cooked and served them food. By conversing with the people in the cafeteria, we realized that they were not very different from us.”

― Student Volunteer, Muslim Student Association at the University of Michigan

“Food Gatherers is very special to me. They not only do terrific work for their clients, but their general approach to agencies, volunteers, and walk-in contributors is warm and welcoming. I’m very proud to play a part.”

― Sue Taylor, Volunteer

“I am very impressed with the operations at Food Gatherers. The organization is efficient and organized. It is a pleasure to work around the staff who are kind, informative, and helpful, not to omit cheery, too!”

― Cindy Little, Volunteer

*Based on the Independent Sector’s value of volunteer time for 2012: $22.14/hr.
We were born in a deli!
Paul Saginaw and Ari Weinzweig, founders of Zingerman’s Deli, launched the first food rescue program in Michigan in 1988.

Founding director, Lisa DeYoung, passed the carrot torch to our current director, Eileen Spring, in 1994. Here they are in front of our first building, Kappler’s Slaughterhouse. Anyone remember the Kill Room?

In 1995, we passed the milestone of 1,000,000 pounds of food rescued and delivered.

In 1997, Food Gatherers assumed the program operations of the Huron Harvest Food Bank, consolidating our county’s food bank and food rescue programs and anticipating the national merger of such programs by several years.
opened the Community Kitchen at the Robert J. Delonis Center in 2003 to engage and nourish our entire community through direct service. In 2005, the first group of students graduated from our job training program for at-risk youth.

In collaboration with Avalon Housing in 2003, we paved Carrot Way, creating a new home for Food Gatherers and also a permanent home for 30 low-income families at Carrot Way Apartments.

In 2009, we created the Food Security Plan, a set of strategic initiatives to improve the overall health of our hungry neighbors by increasing access to fresh, healthy food. We also planted the first seeds for our very own Gathering Farm at Carrot Way.

Volunteers have always been a huge part of our effort, especially at events such as Grillin’ for Food Gatherers. Since it began 24 years ago, this annual fundraiser picnic has grown to host more than 2,000 guests and raise more than $200,000 in 2013.
Food Gatherers gave more than $351,100 in the form of capacity-building grants and food purchasing credits to our non-profit partner programs in addition to the free food and in-kind services they also received.

To create a welcoming and inclusive experience for those seeking food assistance, we offered Civil Rights, Cultural Competency, and Customer Service training at partner sites.

We helped 200 households navigate the application process for receiving Food Assistance, Medicaid, child care, and utility and energy bill assistance.

A much-beloved gatherer, Susan Steel, passed away in June 2013. Susan and her husband Duncan ran Windy Acres Farm, a non-profit benefiting Food Gatherers. Susan will be remembered as a gentle and generous person who was always ready to help others in need.

More than 105,000 meals were served at the Community Kitchen this year with the help of 1,500 volunteers.
2012-2013 Audited Financials

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

We fight hunger efficiently and effectively – an impressive 95% of our budget goes directly to hunger relief programs.

**Revenue**
- Contributions ........................................................... $3,287,804
- Grants ..........................................................................  $583,159
- Special events................................................................ $311,539
- Donated goods and services, primarily perishable foods .................................... $6,339,372
- Food bank sales  ........................................................... $488,564
- Interest income  ................................................................ $9,469
- Other income  ............................................................. $787
- Total Revenue ............................................................ $11,020,694

**Expenses**

**Program Services**
- Food rescue, food purchases and distribution ............................................................ $8,766,267
- Community kitchen ............................................................... $361,553
- Job training ........................................................................ $68,127

**Supporting services**
- Management and general ............................................................... $275,061
- Fundraising ......................................................................... $232,631
- Total Expenses ...................................................................... $9,703,639
- Increase in net assets ........................................................ $1,317,055

For the ninth consecutive year, Food Gatherers was rated a ★★★★★ charity (the highest rating!) from independent non-profit evaluator, Charity Navigator. Food Gatherers now has the No. 1 Charity Navigator rating of food banks in Michigan and is in the top 15 food banks rated nationwide.

To request a copy of Food Gatherers’ Audited Financials or Form 990, please call Mary Schlitt, Director of Development at (734) 761-2796.
EVENTS

**Vampires’ Ball**, October 2012  
**Raised 56,385 meals!**  
Hosted by Zingerman’s Roadhouse, this benefit pairs a fabulous multi-course dinner with an evening of spooky entertainment.

**Rockin’ for the Hungry**, December 2012  
**Raised 282,771 meals!**  
Our largest outdoor canned food drive is broadcast live with ann arbor’s 107one at Kroger stores in Washtenaw County.  
*Save the date – Rockin’ 2013 is December 4-8*

**Circle of Art**, May 2013  
**Raised 51,312 meals!**  
Local artists donate more than 100 works of art, and Saline Picture Frame Company mats them and hosts a silent auction. The event features live entertainment and a raffle focusing on Michigan-made items.  
*Save the date – Circle of Art 2014 is May 18*

**Grillin’ for Food Gatherers**, June 2013  
**Raised 619,065 meals!**  
This community celebration is always held on the second Sunday in June and offers attendees great food from area restaurants, grilled chicken, gourmet sausages, vegetables, and delicious desserts. With more than 2,000 attendees, this year’s Grillin’ crowd was the largest it has ever been! Thanks to all who attended!  
*Save the date – Grillin’ 2014 is June 8*
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**ROCKIN’ FOR THE HUNGRY 2013**

Our Largest Outdoor Food & Fund Drive

December 4th – 8th at Kroger, 400 S. Maple Road

Broadcast live by ann arbor’s 107one.
We’ll be collecting donations of food and cash and freezin’ for a reason!