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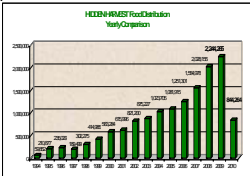
It was great!!!



## Celebrating Good Tastes & All That JAZZ!

HIDDEN HARVEST's major fund raising event was April 21, 2010 at Apple Mountain. More than 270 people enjoyed an evening of great food and great music for a great organization. (Page 2)

Just the facts. . .



## HIDDEN HARVEST to distribute 2.2 million pounds

HIDDEN HARVEST is on target to distribute more than 2 million pounds of healthy and nutritious food items for the third year in a row to those in need in our communities. HIDDEN HARVEST will provide food items, free from fees or transportation charges. (Back Page)



## The agencies we serve and how we rate

Review the latest HIDDEN HARVEST evaluation from recipient agencies in our Great Lakes Bay Region. We think you will be impressed. (Page 3-4)



## HIDDEN HARVEST Meets the Challenge

In honor of the Saginaw Community Foundation's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last June, HIDDEN HARVEST was challenged to raise \$25,000 towards our existing endowment fund, and if successful, SCF will award us with an incentive grant of \$10,000. Well, WE DID IT!!! (Page 2)



## Plant-a-Row and HIDDEN HARVEST partner

Plant-a-Row for the Hungry is a people-helping-people program designed to assist in feeding the hungry in our communities. Last year, farmers and gardeners grew more than 250,000 pounds of fresh vegetables and fruit which HIDDEN HARVEST distributed to our neighbors in the Bay, Midland and Saginaw communities. (Page 5)

## Celebrating Good Tastes & All That JAZZ! Thanks for making it a grand \$uccess



Guests enjoy Brush Street with Julie Malady

The aromas of delicious foods and the sounds of smooth jazz set the mood for this year's Celebrating Good Tastes & All That JAZZ! HIDDEN HARVEST hosted our annual fund raising event on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Apple Mountain and it was a grand success. Thanks to our underwriters and all of the folks who attended the event, HIDDEN HARVEST raised more than \$48,000 to help keep our four trucks on the road.

The event included entertainment by Brush Street featuring Julie Malady, and a live and silent auction. The restaurants that prepared their signature culinary creations were The Bay City Country Club, The Doubletree Hotel, The H. Hotel, Kathleen's Restaurant

and Lounge, The Manors, Little Italy Café & Deli, Old City Hall Restaurant, Saginaw Club, SVSU Catering, The Sawmill, Edible Arrangements of Saginaw, Oppermann's Cork 'N Ale and the Patisserie. The assortment of dishes ranged from Thai Lettuce Wraps to Diver Sea Scallops and Smoked Salmon Filet.

The money raised goes directly to help pay for safe food handling supplies that our donors use for their food contributions. HIDDEN HARVEST will purchase more than 17,000 pans and lids this year alone. Additionally, HIDDEN HARVEST provides our gardeners and farmers with bags and boxes for the fresh produce that is donated and distributed. And of course the maintenance of our refrigerated trucks and the fuel cost is a big expense. Celebrating Good Tastes & All that JAZZ! simply helps pay the bills for us.

"Thanks so much", says Trish Luplow, HIDDEN HARVEST Chairperson, "We are so grateful to all of the underwriters, individuals, chefs and all the good folks who donated auction items."



Chef Mike Stickler  
SVSU Catering

## Friends of HIDDEN HARVEST Meet the Challenge

In honor of the Saginaw Community Foundation's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the foundation planned to donate a \$250,000 gift to 25 Saginaw County agencies through a challenge grant. The good news is that HIDDEN HARVEST met the challenge and was able to raise \$25,000 for the endowment fund. Because we were able to meet the goal of \$25,000, SCF awarded HIDDEN HARVEST with an incentive grant of \$10,000.



HIDDEN HARVEST participated in the Kresge Foundation's "Partnership to Create Community Capital" through the Saginaw Community Foundation in 2004. The outcome of this partnership was the creation of our operational endowment. This fund helps us ensure the stability and perpetuity of HIDDEN HARVEST's mission of ending food waste and hunger in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Our endowment fund continues to grow even though the last several year's have been very difficult. This fund creates a source of income that will insure the stability needed for HIDDEN HARVEST for years to come. Please consider contributing to our Endowment with an outright gift of cash, or consider the many options of planned giving, which includes a bequest through a will, a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust. If you have any questions on how you can make a lasting gift and make HIDDEN HARVEST a part of your personal legacy, please call. We would be happy to meet with you and your financial advisor to discuss options that best fit your needs.

# Calling all farmers and gardeners!!!

What impact can planting an extra row or two of fresh produce have? Last year, HIDDEN HARVEST collected and distributed more than 250,000 pounds of assorted fresh produce. Sweet corn, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, onions, squash and potatoes are donated and much appreciated by our recipient agencies. The fresh produce is perfect for the food pantries, soup kitchens, youth and senior programs that we serve.



The Plant-A-Row for the Hungry program encourages anyone with a plot of land set aside for a garden to dedicate a row of fruit or vegetables to help feed people in need. Plant-A-Row also works with local farmers' markets, farms and orchards to collect unsold, wholesome produce for local hunger-relief efforts.

The success of Plant-A-Row hinges on community involvement. Home gardeners, farmers, schools, places of worship, youth and community organizations, and

area businesses can help make a difference for their neighbors in need by planting a row of seed and donating their surplus to HIDDEN HARVEST for distribution to those in need.

Farms and orchards also can plant an extra row to benefit the Great Lakes Bay Region residents at risk of hunger. Because of the amount of food they grow, farmers and growers can make a big difference with just one row of fruit trees or vegetable plants aiding in the fight against hunger. You can bring your produce to HIDDEN HARVEST at The Hunger Solution Center, 940 East Genesee Ave. or we can arrange for pick up at sites in the Great Lakes Bay Region.



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Thanks to the Michigan Homeless/Foodbank Cash Contribution Tax Credit, donors to HIDDEN HARVEST may claim a Michigan income tax credit for their cash contribution. In practical terms, this means you can reduce your Michigan income tax liability by up to one-half the amount of your donation, up to certain limits. This is not merely a tax deduction it is a tax credit. The Michigan Homeless/Foodbank Cash Contribution Tax Credit provides a tax credit of up to:

- ❖ \$200 credit for a \$400 gift from a couple filing a joint return
- ❖ \$100 credit for a \$200 gift from a single tax payer

The Michigan Homeless/Foodbank Cash Contribution Tax Credit is in addition to the tax credits, which are available for gifts to Michigan colleges and universities and community foundations, so you may take advantage of each. When doing your income taxes, make sure to bring this to your tax preparer's attention.

Learn more about how to participate in the HIDDEN HARVEST Endowment, visit [www.hiddenharvestshares.org](http://www.hiddenharvestshares.org)



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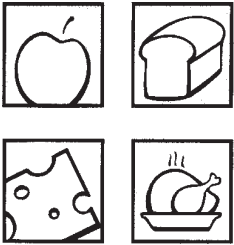
**Thank You** for your continued support of our mission to end food waste and help alleviate hunger in our region.

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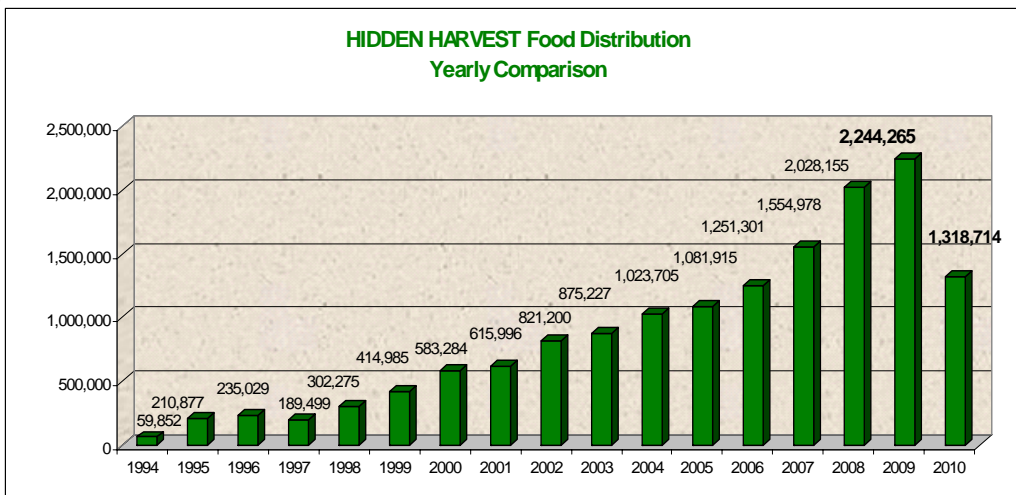
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## HIDDEN HARVEST - Putting good food to good use

HIDDEN HARVEST's program year runs from October 1, to September 30.  
This chart represents 6 months of distribution for this year.



This year we will distribute more than 2.2 million pounds of food to those in need.

14.8 million pounds of food have been rescued and distributed throughout the Tri-County area since 1994.

### Mission Statement

HIDDEN HARVEST strives to alleviate hunger and end food waste in the Bay, Midland and Saginaw region by providing a safe and coordinated system of rescuing surplus food and redistributing it to feed people in need.

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## Our recipient agencies in their own words

Dear Friend of HIDDEN HARVEST,

Again, this year more than **2 million pounds** of healthy and nutritious food items will be distributed to over 170 shelters, food pantries, after school/youth and senior citizen programs. Since 1994, we have distributed **14.8 million pounds** of surplus food to our neighbors in need in the Tri-County area.

Every other year HIDDEN HARVEST surveys the agencies we serve to find out how we are doing. This is what they told us:

"In 2008 our group was extremely short on money we asked HIDDEN HARVEST could they help out with hotdogs, buns, chips, rainbow drink (fruit drinks). I explained the situation (the staff) jumped in to high gear. Andy & Jeremiah did what was needed and delivered beyond what I imagined. HIDDEN HARVEST helped save the festival. They saved \$450.00 plus we were able to use that savings to buy non-perishable things we needed to keep the festival going. They did the same for 2008 Christmas Party. God always provides even though I wasn't sure what was going to happen. God sent HIDDEN HARVEST which was very helpful in so many ways." (Children's Program)



"HIDDEN HARVEST is a huge asset in our community. Many of the smaller non-profits like the GreenHouse Center of HOPE would not be able to provide the services they do without HIDDEN HARVEST. HIDDEN HARVEST saves us hundreds of dollars a year with the food items they provide. What a wonderful ministry. All of the people at HIDDEN HARVEST are customer service oriented and treat everyone with respect and dignity."

- Barbara Arbuckle, Coordinator



Last year, Salvation Army in Bay City served more than 17,000 noon meals. HIDDEN HARVEST provided 50% of the food served in their soup kitchen. Last year alone HIDDEN HARVEST was able to distribute 76,000 pounds of healthy and nutritious food items to Salvation Army's food pantry and soup kitchen activities.

"Wonderful Services!! Thanks so much." (Shelter)

"HIDDEN HARVEST has been such a blessing to our agency. HIDDEN HARVEST supplies our youth with the extras that are not in our food budget like pop and cupcakes and candy. They also give us plenty of canned goods and entrees. We really appreciate all that the folks at HIDDEN HARVEST do for us." (Children Services)

"The Brown Baggers are deeply grateful to the HIDDEN HARVEST services they provide. Because of all the food items, drinks provided by HIDDEN HARVEST we are able to supply 6 to 8 items in our lunches. Wonderful people are at HIDDEN HARVEST—pleasant, courteous and generous to our program. No complaints only praise and thanks. God bless you all." (Lunch Bag Program)

"You have helped us very much. Thank you for your services. May God bless your staff. Keep up the good work." (Food Pantry)

"HIDDEN HARVEST, reduces our food bill budget by 25% Thanks HIDDEN HARVEST." (Youth and Senior Program)

"We are very happy to receive food/drink from HIDDEN HARVEST. It has helped us a lot to stimulate/motivate our students. Their stomachs are full and they can work more productively." (Alternative Education)

## Agency comments . . . continued



The Disability Network of Mid-Michigan promotes and encourages independence for all people with disabilities. They provide an array of services to people of all ages, with many different types of disabilities. They touch over 10,000 people each year either through direct services or community education. HIDDEN HARVEST helps The Disability Network by providing snacks and drinks for their various meetings and activities.

"Thank you for all of your support. Your staff members are great to work with. I appreciate all you do for the B.G.C. kids!" (Youth Club)

"Thank you for all you do for our Food Pantry. The food you provide greatly helps stretch that dollar. Andy and Jeremiah are great people to work with. Thanks guys." (Food Pantry)

"Terrific program!! Very responsive to community agency needs. Great staff." (Teen Parent Service)

'HIDDEN HARVEST has been a great asset for our ministry for many years. I don't know what we will do without them. We want them to continue...please don't stop." (Youth Program)

"We're delighted with the help and our "non cooks" are always praying for HIDDEN HARVEST to come—on their cook day (we take turns)." (Women Shelter)

"We appreciate any food that we receive from you. What we save from your donations enables us to purchase other items we need. The HIDDEN HARVEST staff is terrific and we thank you for all you do. Thanks." (Food Pantry)

"We are so grateful to HIDDEN HARVEST for all they do for us. We decided to quit the Food Bank this year because of their costs and lack of items we need. HIDDEN HARVEST is a top quality

organization that works hard to provide needed food to agencies at no cost. They are always so accommodating and kind. We love HIDDEN HARVEST!!" (Soup Kitchen)

"Enjoy working with employees from HIDDEN HARVEST. All are very friendly and courteous." (Food Pantry)

"You are doing a great job. You are as helpful as possible. Great staff." (Food Pantry)

"Our primary driver, Curt, is a wonderful man. He is always more than willing to go above and beyond. His service to our church body is always top notch." (Food Pantry)

"HIDDEN HARVEST was extremely helpful to the ROCK last year. We were given food on a regular basis during our program which ran the entire school year. We received a wide variety of items that we used to feed kids in our afternoon program. Thank you HIDDEN HARVEST & we look forward to working with you again in 2009/2010." (Youth Center)

"The additional food given by HIDDEN HARVEST to families enrolled in our programs is a huge help in this struggling economy. Donations of food are distributed and usually gone on the first day. Thanks for all you do, your efforts and friendly delivery people are greatly appreciated." (Food Pantry)



"Neighborhood House depends on HIDDEN HARVEST. The food that is donated is critical to the program. We feed over 300 people each day. 70% of the people we see daily are the neighborhood kids that come to have breakfast and lunch, play and learn and be safe. God sends angels in times of need. HIDDEN HARVEST is one of our angels."

- Yvonne Riggins-Thomas,  
Director

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