

**MONTCALM
COUNTY FOOD
AND BABY
PANTRIES**

Carson City:

St. Mary's Food Pantry 989-584-6462

Edmore:

Faith United Methodist Church 989-427-5575

St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church 989-427-5645

Gowen:

Settlement Lutheran Church 616-984-5442

Greenville:

Alpha Family Center-Baby Pantry 616-225-2265

GLC Hope Ministries 616-754-7951

Greenville Area Ecumenical Food Mission 754-6676

Greenville Church of the Nazarene 616-754-7605

Greenville Community Church 616-225-2105

Jesus Non-Denominational Church 616-754-9831

Living Hope Pantry 616-754-7284

Howard City:

Helping Hands 231-937-5177

Lakeview:

Lakeview Ministerial Association 989-352-6836

Riverdale:

M-46 Tabernacle 989-833-7625

Sheridan:

Sheridan Assembly Food Pantry 989-831-7721

Six Lakes:

Belvidere Community Church 989-365-3264

Six Lakes Love Fund 989-365-3612

Stanton:

Hope Lutheran Church 989-831-4462

Trinity Evangelical Free Church 989-831-4657

Vestaburg:

Ferris Church of Christ 989-268-5551

*Thanks for helping the
Montcalm Challenge
Food Drive and the
Food Pantries of
Montcalm County.*

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*Montcalm County
Challenge Food Drive*



An Annual Tradition of Caring

*An annual drive and friendly
competition to benefit local food
pantries and the people they serve.*

Brief History

Since 1991, the Montcalm Challenge Food Drive has, through a friendly competition between area businesses and organizations, tried to help out the area food pantries of Montcalm County. During that time period, the Drive has collected more than 562,000 food items and an additional \$152,249 which was used to purchase additional food items for the pantries through out the year.

Last year, the Drive collected 45,643 food items and an additional \$34,229.85. The food items were distributed equally to the pantries in mid-December. Then through out the year, we purchased additional food items for all of the pantries using the cash collected. Unfortunately this food only lasts the pantries a short time.



2007 Drop Off Day Photo

VENISON DONATION PROJECT

During the 2007 Challenge, a new partnership program was initiated through Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH). The Food Drive along with QDMA, MMUSA, and Twin Ponds Sports Shop partnered with MSAH on a major venison donation project to the food pantries of Montcalm County. This program generated more than 2,000 lbs. of processed and packaged ground venison for the pantries and the people they serve.



CURRENT CAMPAIGN

We are now in the midst of our 2008 Fall Drive Campaign with all of our competitors conducting their own in house drawings, raffles, etc. to see who can donate the most food items per employee. The Drive will officially culminate on Drop Off Day, December 12, at Superior Wire Products north of Greenville. At that time, all food items collected will be divided and offered to all the food pantries of the county. Again, any additional money will be used for food purchases through out the upcoming year.

GET INVOLVED!

The "Challenge" is a friendly competition between area businesses and organization to collect food items for the food pantries of Montcalm County. There is a large division (71 employees and over) and a small division (70 employees or less). The winning business or organization in each division is determined by which business or organization has the most points per employee. (Points are awarded based on quantity of food items and/or cash donated.)

We would like to stress that businesses and individuals do not have to participate in the Challenge competition to be involved. The Drive needs donations of all kinds. Donations are tax deductible and receipts are available upon request. If you own or manage a business open to the general public, you may want to consider being an advertised drop off site. We will provide you with a drop box for food donations and will pick up the donations at your request.