

Chrysler Group Employees Drive to End Hunger at Thanksgiving

Chrysler Group's tradition of giving back helps local food banks serve growing number of families who are food insecure

November 20, 2014, Auburn Hills, Mich. - With Thanksgiving just a week away, Chrysler Group LLC employees in across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio took time out from building cars and trucks to help 20,000 families in need enjoy a traditional holiday meal.

In Michigan, employees filled 35 pallets with everything from canned fruit and vegetables to cranberry sauce, stuffing and frozen turkeys purchased by The Chrysler Foundation -- enough food to prepare more than 27,000 meals for families living in Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties.

[Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan](#) -- "In southeast Michigan, more than 707,000 people are food insecure and despite a recovering economy, many working families are still having trouble making ends meet," said Gerry Brisson, president of Gleaners. "This much-needed support from Chrysler Group's Thanksgiving Food Drive will help Gleaners ease the burden for many families this holiday season."

[Hope Center in Macomb](#) -- "It takes 60 volunteers to run the pantry each day," said Karla Gardner, community development / donor relations director -- Hope Center in Macomb. "The support of Chrysler Group volunteers helps Hope Center keep costs down (92 cents of every dollar donated goes to actual client programs). But our partnership also continues to raise awareness about the tremendous need in Macomb County." Hope Center feeds nearly 500 households each week.

[Lighthouse of Oakland County](#) -- "Even in an affluent place like Oakland County, we still have more than 118,000 people living below the federal poverty level. The Chrysler Group's ongoing partnership is critical to helping the 1,800 families we'll serve this holiday season," said Priscilla Perkins, Chief Development Officer -- Lighthouse of Oakland County. "This partnership also enables Lighthouse of Oakland County to respond to the need of the more than 800 food insecure families who visit our food pantry each month; ... it also helps them move from crisis to self-sufficiency."

Deliveries were also made to [Faith In Action -- Chelsea/Dexter](#) and the [Monroe County Opportunity Program](#), food banks supported by employees at Chrysler Group's Chelsea Proving Grounds and Dundee Engine Plant, as well as in the Company's plant communities in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

"We strive to make 'doing for others' part of everyday life at Chrysler Group. This effort is the culmination of a food drive that will allow families in our communities to enjoy a traditional holiday meal. We are grateful to Chrysler employees and the UAW for their generosity," said Jody Trapasso, Senior Vice President for External Affairs -- Chrysler Group LLC and President of The Chrysler Foundation. "Caring for our neighbors is needed more than ever. Over 46 million Americans face hunger each year, and nearly half of those are children and seniors."

Held in conjunction with the United Auto Workers, this is the fourth consecutive year that Chrysler Group has conducted its company-wide Thanksgiving Food Drive. In that time, the Company estimates that the food drive has touched more than 60,000 families.

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