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## GMLSC Community Service Second Volunteer Session with the Greater Lansing Food Bank June 8, 2024

**Important** – the GLFB had to cancel the event on May 11, so we've moved to Saturday, June 8, one month later. Everything else remains the same as in the earlier announcement.

Our first volunteer session at the GLFB on February 28 was an outstanding success. I'm getting word out early to mark your calendars for the next one on Saturday, **June 8**.

This time we'll be doing a "Mobile Food Distribution". The GLFB schedules these outdoor events at about twenty locations each month in the seven-county area that they serve. Our event will be as follows:

<p><b>Location: Olivet Baptist Church, 5455 West Willoughby Road, Lansing, MI 48911</b> <b>Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024</b> <b>Volunteers Report: 8:30 am</b> <b>Distribution: 9:00 - 11:00 am</b> <b>Number of Volunteers Needed: 25</b></p>
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(I must let the GLFB know **by May 24** how many we have committed. They can tap other sources if necessary.)

Here's how the Distribution goes:

From delivery trucks, GLFB workers unload pallets of cans, bags, and boxes of food, including fresh and frozen, and place them along the edge of the church driveway. Volunteers open boxes, remove shrink wrap, etc., to prepare for food dispersal.

After instructions and a prayer by the church leader, our member volunteers spread out to positions at the pallets of food.

Patrons line up their vehicles in the parking lot. Church volunteers check each vehicle for the number of families that are represented, and then chalk that number on the windshield.

As the vehicles move forward, church volunteers direct them to specific stopping points, and we then load our food items into the vehicles – trunks, back seats, pickup-beds, etc. This goes on until either the food or the line of patrons runs out, generally around two hours.

We learned in the first session that we leave tired, but with a good sense of having helped those less fortunate.

Please let me know if I can put you on the list committed to this event, or if not available on **June 8**, interested in future GLFB sessions.

Thank you,

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