

## UAW-Ford Sends Volunteers to Provide \$20,000 in Labor for Macomb Habitat

UAW Vice President and Director Jimmy Settles, Ford Vice Presidents Marty Mulloy and James Tetreault, along with UAW Administrative Assistant National Ford Department Frank DiGiorio and the UAW-Ford, have committed to partnering with Macomb County Habitat for Humanity for 2013 by pledging labor valued at more than \$20,000 in honor of Macomb Habitat’s 20th anniversary.

Macomb Habitat is asking 20 corporations or individuals to join UAW-Ford in celebrating its 20th anniversary. The UAW-Ford is the first to make a commitment of labor valued at more than \$20,000 for the upcoming year.

This major gift is accomplished by UAW-Ford as they provide a minimum of five volunteers, three days every week during 2013.

Settles said, “Now that the economy is turning around, it would be easy to start taking things for granted. We are adding jobs, making profits, and our members can feel the difference. But not everyone can say the same.

“As we look around the country, too many people go to work every day at a job that doesn’t make ends meet and doesn’t allow them to provide the essentials for their family.

“Too many families out there can’t find decent, affordable housing. And just like we do inside our plants, when the UAW and Ford Motor Company see a problem like this, we work together to find a way to help solve it.

“Our commitment to working people in the community doesn’t end when our workers walk out the plant gate,” he continued. “Our responsibility to the communities where our members work and live goes far beyond building reliable, safe vehicles.

“It extends to helping organizations like Habitat for Humanity to

continue the work that enriches the lives of our neighbors and strengthens our communities.”

Macomb Habitat Executive Director Helen Hicks said in a response to the gift, “We have always admired the leadership and demonstrated compassion that the UAW-Ford has for the community.

“Now, through their gift of time and talent in our anniversary year, hundreds of seniors, veterans, physically and mentally challenged men and women will have their lives forever touched.”

Macomb County Habitat for Humanity’s goal is to make a sound contribution to Macomb County communities.

## Suburban Collection Employees, Customers Aid Gleaners in Providing Meals for 100,000

The holiday spirit continues moving in metro Detroit, with aid from Suburban Collection employees and customers, who put their efforts into raising money and or donating food to help Gleaners Community Food Bank for the second consecutive year.

Unfortunately, according to a news release from the Suburban Collection, one in five people in Southeast Michigan – or 770,500 individuals – are food insecure, meaning they don’t always have enough food for three nutritious meals per day. Among children, the situation is even direr with one in four children missing meals. About one-third of those

who receive Gleaners’ food are children.

Last month, Suburban Collection raised nearly \$32,000, which was matched by The Suburban Collection. In addition, employees and customers donated nearly 5,000 pounds of food. This effort translates into 100,406 meals for Michiganders in need.

For every dollar raised, Gleaners’ 600 partner agencies, in five Southeastern Michigan counties, are able to provide three meals to those in need.

For every pound of food donated, partner agencies are able to provide one meal. Gleaners’ partner agencies include schools, shel-

ters, food pantries, soup kitchens and church-based programs.

“Gleaners does such an amazing job in assisting so many in our community,” said David T. Fischer, chairman and CEO of The Suburban Collection. “Everyone in our organization really got behind this project again this year to make it an overwhelming success.”

W. DeWayne Wells, president, Gleaners Community Food Bank, said, “Despite signs of economic recovery, the need for emergency food assistance is still high.

“We’re extremely grateful to the Suburban Collection for helping Gleaners reach people who need our help.”

## Salvation Army Paints City of Detroit Red

The city of Detroit turned red to raise awareness of the final days metro Detroiters can donate to The Salvation Army’s 2012 Red Kettle Campaign, which ends when red kettles leave storefronts across metro Detroit on Christmas Eve.

The second annual Paint the City Red celebration kicked off at 12:01 a.m., Dec. 17, when the GM Renaissance Center began glowing red.

The Detroit skyline’s most identifiable riverfront building will beam The Salvation Army’s iconic red shield from its main electronic sign on the center’s tallest tower through Christmas Day. The bands around each tower will also glow red for the duration.

The Ren Cen going red was a precursor to Paint the City Red festivities that were held on Dec. 21. Other businesses participated. The Compuware and Chase Buildings joined the Renaissance Center in sporting a rosy glow.

In addition, several of Detroit’s churches simultaneously rang their bells for one minute at 9:50 a.m. Participating churches included Cathedral of St. Paul, Mariner’s Church of Detroit, Old St. Mary’s, St. Bonaventure, St. Florian, St. Francis D’Assisi, St. John’s Episcopal and St. Joseph Sweetest Heart of Mary.

Bell ringers also manned red kettles throughout the workday at the Griswold Street entrance of the historic Guardian Building in the heart of downtown Detroit’s central business district.



No one should go hungry this holiday season - especially when it costs so little to feed a hungry and homeless person. And a meal is often the first step in dealing with the problems of the homeless.

So please help us care for the homeless -

\$20.50 helps feed 10 hungry people.

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