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Semi-Truckloads of Food Loaded to Feed Hungry Families in Michiana

GRANGER, IND. Granger Community Church (GCC) will partner with international hunger relief organization *Feed The Children* and Kroger to provide six semi-truckloads of food and personal care items to distribute to families in Michiana. This year an estimated 2,500 volunteers will meet at the GCC campus on Saturday, December 8 at 9 a.m., to load trucks and deliver a week's worth of food and personal care items to families in St. Joseph, Elkhart, Berrien Springs and Marshall counties.

In addition, food will be delivered to local organizations, helping an estimated 5,000 families. The remaining food after delivery will be given to the Monroe Circle Community Center in downtown South Bend to serve families throughout the year. The following nonprofit organizations will participate with GCC in the December 8 food drop. In addition to helping coordinate food distribution to individual families, these organizations will receive food for their kitchens and pantries:

- Edison Gardens and Barbie Creek
- Faith Baptist Church
- Gateway Plaza Apartments
- Harber Homes Housing Division (South Bend Housing Authority)
- Holiday Mobile Village
- Homeland Trailer Village
- LaCasa De Amistad
- Lakeshore Estates
- Little Flower Catholic Church
- Monroe Circle Housing Division (South Bend Housing Authority), Senior Center, Laurel Court and Quads
- Oak Grove Mobile Home Park
- Plymouth Neighborhood Center
- River View 500
- St. Mary's Catholic Church
- Sunset Trailer Village
- Washington Gardens Housing Division (Elkhart Housing Authority)
- Western Manor

"We look forward to serving the community again this year," says Tim Stevens, Executive Pastor at GCC. "It helps bridge gaps that are sometimes felt during the Christmas season when some people aren't able to provide basic needs for themselves and their families. By partnering with these organizations, we're able to reach more people."

Founded by Larry and Frances Jones in 1979, *Feed The Children* is a nonprofit organization providing physical, spiritual, educational, vocational/technical, psychological, economic and medical assistance to children and families in need in the United States and internationally. Last year, *Feed The Children* shipped 129 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and families in all 50 states and in 43 foreign countries, supplementing more than 730,000 meals a day worldwide. For more information, visit feedthechildren.org.

Granger Community Church was founded in 1986 by Dr. Mark Beeson and his wife, Sheila. a unique vision and more than 6,000 in weekly attendance, GCC ministers through the arts, media and culturally relevant teaching. For more information, visit GCCwired.com.