



## **MEDIA ADVISORY – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Greater Lansing Food Bank to Hold Tour of Community Gardens**

**What:** Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) is inviting the community to tour local community gardens throughout Lansing. GLFB is hosting a welcome reception at our Garden Resource Center at 5pm on July 20. The tours will start promptly at 6pm, and community members can join groups that are on foot, on bike or on bus to tour their neighborhoods. The event is free and open to the public, though GLFB welcomes donations.

**Why:** The garden tours offer the chance for Lansing residents to tour their own neighborhoods and swap gardening tips. The gardens are in full bloom, and the evening offers free summer fun. These gardens are the pride of many residents, and vegetable gardens offer the opportunity for low-income families to grow their own food to supplement GLFB food distributions. GLFB has over 120 community gardens in the greater Lansing area.

**Where:** GLFB Garden Resource Center, 2401 Marcus St, Lansing MI, 48912

**Who:** Representatives of GLFB, Community Gardeners

**When:** July 20 starting at 5pm

**Visual Opportunities:** Full flower gardens, growing vegetables, diverse gardeners, high profile community locations

**GLFB is available in advance of the event for interviews, photos and b-roll.**

The Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) was created in 1981 to meet a need in the Greater Lansing community that became critical during the major recession of the early 1980's. Now, 35 years later, the Greater Lansing Food Bank is still working to address this need that will not go away...the need to feed those less fortunate. In 2012, the Greater Lansing Food Bank and the Mid-Michigan Food Bank merged operations to create one regional food bank serving the needs of Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Gratiot, Clare and Isabella counties. Through a network of pantries, related agencies, and community partners, and the Food Movers Program and The Garden Project, the GLFB is working to provide access to good, healthy and plentiful food for all. In 2015, more than 6,000,000 meals were provided to people who might otherwise go hungry in the mid-Michigan region. The majority of the people we serve are children and seniors on fixed incomes. Unfortunately, the need continues.

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