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Greater Lansing Food Bank’s “Roots” Farm to Hold Open House

What: Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) is inviting the Lansing residents to visit its Roots Farm. The Roots Farm serves as a complement to the Food Bank’s 125 Community Gardens by encouraging successful gardeners to develop their own agricultural enterprises. Continuing GLFB’s mission of serving those in need, the Roots Farm focuses on limited-resource and historically under-served populations; primarily refugee, immigrant, low-income, minority, and women. Farmers are provided land and infrastructure, farm resources, trainings, and a marketing collective that includes business planning and development and sales opportunities.

Why: The open house offers the chance for Metro Lansing residents to learn about another way GLFB is helping provide fresh, healthy food to the area. Many Roots farmers donate a portion of their crops to those in-need. The remaining fruits and vegetables are made available for sale to the community at large.

Where: 1084 S. Hagadorn Rd., Mason, MI 48854

Who: Representatives of GLFB, Roots farmers, community gardeners

When: August 20 starting at noon until 4pm

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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