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Lansing State Journal Receives Food Bank Founders' Award

Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) presented the Lansing State Journal with the 2nd Annual Founders' Award during the 11th annual Empty Plate Dinner, held May 4th at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on Michigan State University's campus. The Award pays tribute to contributions of individuals and organizations that demonstrate commitment to ending hunger in Mid-Michigan. The Lansing State Journal (LSJ) has supported GLFB since 1982 through the annual Envelope Campaign by placing donation envelopes in newspapers during the winter holiday season and promoting this important fund raising for the food bank. Since that first campaign, more than \$20 Million has been raised through the Envelope Campaign, feeding countless families.

"The Lansing State Journal has shown tremendous dedication to the community through their support of the Envelope Campaign," said Joe Wald, Executive Director of Greater Lansing Food Bank. "The newspaper embodies the giving spirit of our founders, and we are proud to present them with this award."

To ensure that no one in Mid-Michigan would go hungry, community leaders David Hollister, Camille Abood, Patrick Babcock and William Long founded the Greater Lansing Food Alliance in 1981—now known as the Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB). The food bank founders created a movement the people and businesses of the Greater Lansing area have supported since that first call to action. The founders' vision and empathy created more than just an organization; they created a movement that is still supported to this day. The Founders' Award was created in 2016, in their honor.

Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to individuals and families in need in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Clare, Isabella and Gratiot counties. It raises money, food and in-kind contributions to meet emergency food needs; coordinates and supports the work of area food pantries; rescues wholesome excess food that would otherwise go to waste; promotes, encourages and emphasizes self-help programs toward the goal of self-sufficiency; and educates the community on hunger issues.

To learn more about the Greater Lansing Food Bank, visit greaterlansingfoodbank.org.

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