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(CNS Grant No. 95ADFDC047)

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SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: Michigan

3. Agency: ARS ☐ NRCS ☐ Forest Service ☐ RECD ☐ FSA ☒ FCS ☐

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10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: 926B

Site Supervisor: Andrew

PHONE: 517-543-1512

STATE: MI

Agency/Org Name: Farm Services Agency

FAX: 5175435926

City: Charlotte, MI

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 3

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	Total
KING, ERIC	J. [REDACTED]	S	AC	II			350	130	480 ✓ 350
RYDER, RYAN	P. [REDACTED]	S	AC	II			350	130	480 ✓ 350
SINISCHO, ALEXANDR/A	L. [REDACTED]	S	A	I			321	108	429 ✓ 321
									Total Hours: 1389 1021

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No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 3

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 3

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: 0

REMEMBER THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS FOR EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE THE HOURS SERVED AND NOT INCLUDE THE HOURS FOR PERSONAL LEAVE (16) AND HOLIDAYS (16). IF YOU HAVE BEEN COUNTING THESE PLEASE ADJUST THE FINAL REPORT'S HOURS SO THAT THE TOTAL IS AT LEAST 480 OF SERVICE (assuming the person was full-time and successfully completed the program.) You can have more than 480 hrs for a total just be sure all the hours were service hours. Thank You

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM

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10. MEMBER DATA:

OP SITE ID: 926A

Site Supervisor: Jane Van Ness

PHONE: 810-732-5350

STATE: MI

Agency/Org Name: Farm Services Agency

FAX: 8102302404

City: Flint, MI

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 3

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	1st Rpt	HOURS				Total
						2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt		
BOYD, ROSALIND	R.	S	AE	X III			217	156	373 ✓	217
MORGAN, SHEILA	R.	S	E	X III			8		✓	8
RICHARDSON, RANDOLPH	.	S	AE	I III			190	203	393 ✓	190
TUCKER, RODNEY	P.	S	E	II III			270		✓	270
Total Hours: 766										685

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 3

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 4

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: -1

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

(Under "Second Half Quantity" enter the amount of work done since the mid-term report. Do the same for "Second Half Success".)

Remember, since this is the last or final report, there should be no objectives with a zero entered in quantity or success, if a zero was entered for the first report (mid-term). (See your mid-term report) If you have objectives that you could not do anything on please explain why.

State	Site	OP	Obj	PGM	Obj/Impact Statement	Projects QTY Target	Unit of Measure	Second Half Quantity	Project's Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	Second Half Success
MI	926A	1		EN-H009A	Increase food rescue	13000	# of lbs of food rescued	4,250	15,000	# of individuals fed with gleaned food	17,000
MI	926B	1		EN-H042A	Develop network for distribution of gleaned produce	13000	# of lbs of food rescued	4,100	15,000	# of individuals fed with gleaned food	18,400

for National Service.

REMEMBER:

a. ALL members should be listed even though they only served a few days. If an enrollment form was submitted for a

Member who then terminates either by officially notifying you or simply by walking away from the program, an End of Term of Service Form MUST be submitted for the Member.

b. If Members are serving at an operating site and their name does not appear on the list for that site, first check to see

if the Member is listed under a different operating site; if not, then an Enrollment Form must be submitted so the person can be enrolled in the program.

c. List all the hours a Member served during the reporting period regardless if they terminated or if they started in the middle of the period.

11. Please list the total number of volunteers who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>2</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>30</u>

12. Please list the total number of hours of community service completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>8</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>116</u>

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. Original Community Service Objectives: Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. You need to fill in the column marked "Mid-Term Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term Success" --- as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or

has a question mark --- for EVERY operating site. Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Summer's QTY Target" - The Summer's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

"Final Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target"

"Summer's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring quality of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Final Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target"

15. Community Service Objectives Narrative: Use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.

926A: In order to increase food rescue in the Detroit area, we partnered with an organization by the name of Forgotten Harvest who deals solely with food rescue and distribution without storage. By working with Forgotten Harvest, we were able to provide them with 147 new potential food donors through MSU Food Science Industry, as well as provide them with information on the USDA grants which would enable the agency to purchase more trucks to take on more food donors to cater to more hungry people.

Aside from food rescue, we did participate in gleaning efforts in the Detroit area as well.

Through another partner organization, Inkster Harvest, we were able to have access to volunteers, pick-up and distribution of food solely due to Inkster Harvest's efforts. We have gleaned 4250

pounds of food to date from Detroit area farms, and plan on having much more with the change of season.

926B: The gleaning effort was carried out in much of the same way in Lansing as in Detroit. The American Red Cross Regional Food Distribution Center took responsibility in distribution of the food as well as providing us with the trucks for pick-up and transportation of food to and from the farms. For both gleaning efforts, producers were contacted via the FSA county offices. If producers wanted to participate in the program, then they were to contact the county office after their harvest provided they had crops to glean. The Lansing sight has gleaned 4,100 pounds of food to date, again with more to come in as the season turns.

16. Community Building Objectives Narrative: Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

Through interaction, a variety of communities have been brought together. For instance, our day to celebrate the "National Week of Food Recovery" included people from farming backgrounds, some from the suburbs, people from the inner city, and individuals from communities in between in order to pick sweet corn to help feed hungry people. Bringing together communities such as the above mentioned has given each an appreciation of the other. For instance, a person from the city has a new appreciation of the farming profession, and those in the farming community know the willingness of city dwellers to help their community.

Communities have been empowered in that they now have the means to gain access to fresh fruits and vegetables for their hungry people. Produce as we understand is a hard prize to come by when in the hunger-relief industry.

17. AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative: Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by Members through either their service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any members that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

Members gained a series of communication skills while working on the project. Through networking with a variety of people within the FSA, the farmers themselves, and people from hunger-relief agencies, the members were able to improve their computer, phone, and person-to-person skills. The members also learned an appreciation of each others' backgrounds since the membership was so diverse. Some members are seeking careers in the USDA through their experience working with the FSA.

SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

18. Unique Successes or Great Stories : Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program highlight, or a great story from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non-AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips, videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

The Michigan members were able to meet a number of dignitaries this summer. These highlights include the Secretary of Agriculture, Senator Levin, the Under Secretary, and the FSA Administrator. The Administrator's visit was especially exiting since it was one of our Detroit member's last day before she was to leave for her first year of college. Before this summer, corn fields were areas only seen on T.V., but through the project, she was able to actually touch a corn field. Through the Administrator's visit, not only did she get to meet an important dignitary, but she also finally got the picture she wanted so badly: a picture of herself standing in the middle of a cornfield.

Our celebration of the "National Week of Food Recovery" was also a very sentimental event. The founder and director of our partner organization Inkster Harvest had come out for that day with his 14 year old daughter to see for the first time what a farm looked like. It was such an enlightening experience for them to actually be in a field picking vegetables. Also, many volunteers who came out on that day reminisced about the days where all they did was hand-pick their crops, which was an educational experience for us all.

Without Inkster Harvest, we would have been short of pick-up and transportation of produce in the Detroit area. Our original organization in charge of pick-up, movement, and distribution of the food backed out on us just as the gleaning effort was beginning in the Detroit area. It was the members themselves who sought out another organization and contacted Inkster Harvest to set up all the necessary connections for movement and distribution of gleaned produce in the Detroit area.

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

19. Overall Difficulties Faced by the Program: Use this section to report on any problems your Members have encountered in the program this period. These should be significant issues which were related to achieving objectives, significant delays in implementation, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that have caused the Members concern. State the problem concisely and how the issue has, or has not been resolved. Be sure to outline the steps taken and identify any resources needed to assist in resolving the problem.

1. The weather in Michigan forced farmers to plant their crops late or not at all. This lead to a late showing of success in our project as far as gleaning is concerned. The lack of tangible success in the beginning stages of our project lead to a temporary slowing of motivation on the part of members. This problem was alleviated by crops finally coming in and members

participating in gleaning efforts (seeing success.)

2. Due to the late season, the producers were often unwilling to commit or consider participating in our project. Often members really needed to push the idea that this is a project through the FSA, and not so much that they were working as volunteers. The CED or Project Manager would often have to convince the producer over the phone or in person that the program was legitimate. It gave the producers slightly more security to know that the member was not just a phone-solicitor who wanted charity that the producer could not give. This was also discouraging for the members to often need the help of CED's and project managers instead of gaining commitments on their own.

3. We faced the issue of competing with other agencies for food donors on two separate occasions. In order to solve this problem, we partnered and worked with one of the agencies who felt we were competing with them. In the other instance, a volunteer organization did not want to volunteer with us since they held a gleaning effort as well and believed we were competing with them or thought we were depleting their resources. This was solved by us shying away from any producers that allowed the organization to glean in their fields.

SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

20. National Identity Activities: Please describe any activities undertaken by Members that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. These could include joint service activities, meetings with other AmeriCorps projects, national telephone conference calls, use of Internet to communicate with other sites, etc.

In celebration of "National Week of Food Recovery" we partnered with two other AmeriCorps projects in a gleaning event. Also, members from our project were present at a hunger summit with the Secretary that received various media coverage.

21. Organizational Changes: Please outline and describe any changes in your program's organization and/or structure during the quarter.

A series of changes took place with the Detroit sight since the start of the project. The sight changed from a gleaning effort to a food rescue effort since the weather had struck that area so badly. Then the crop yield turned out to be better than expected in what were originally alternative counties in the Detroit area. So the focus once again turned to gleaning as well as food rescue. With the resignation of one of our members, the food rescue effort ceased, and the entire focus of the Detroit area sight remained on gleaning.

22. Organizational Improvements: Please write any suggestions by you, your Members, site managers, or anyone else regarding ways in which the USDA or CNS AmeriCorps program could be improved.

Much of the project eventually focused on attracting media attention. This priority often strayed the project focus and prevented us from using time that could have been spent working to achieve the project goals as found in our project objective statement. It seems as though much of the focus became obtaining publicity and attracting media attention, rather than gleaning and food rescue.

23. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs: Please specify precisely what kind of staff or Member training or other technical assistance can be provided by USDA, the Corporation for National Service, or other sources to improve your projects.

A workshop or training session that allowed members to practice their person-to-person skills would have been beneficial. Also a more detailed job description would have more effectively allowed members to ponder if the position was right for them and assisted project managers more effectively in interviewing. More assistance in recruitment of members would also be beneficial.

SECTION VI - FOOD RECOVERY SPECIFICS

24. Partnerships - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Please explain how your project identified its partners:

Partners were identified as any individual or organization that assisted our project in any way. They were physically identified through our partner list and distribution of certificates.

b) Please provide a final, updated, list of partner organizations:

c) Please detail contributions to the project, both financial and in-kind, provided by partners.

d) If partners raised funds specifically for this project, please explain how.

No partners raised funds.

e) Please explain specifically what concrete assistance was provided by each partner organization.

f) Please explain what worked best in the partnerships.

Constant communication and notice of interest worked very well in partnerships.

g) Please explain what your greatest challenges were in forging and implementing your partnerships.

Partners often did not have the capacity to work with us as much as we would have liked them to. This was especially true for partners who were directly involved in hunger-relief.

25. Donors -On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Please detail how many food donors there were to your project and name all donors other than individual farmers.

London's Dairy was the sole food donor to our project.

b) Please detail how the donors were contacted.

Most potential donors were contacted in person by AmeriCorps members after a phone appointment was set up. Members would travel to the donor's location to give literature and information on how to participate in our project.

c) Explain how, precisely, the donors provided food and what oversight, if any, they provided in the process.

London's Dairy provided the quantity and distribution of their donation. Any other donors are donating through a partner organization named Forgotten Harvest who we assisted in providing lists of potential donors.

d) Detail the greatest success your project faced in dealing with donors.

We were able to provide Forgotten Harvest with 147 names of food processors as potential donors, as well as providing information on USDA grants that would enable them to meet the capacity to take on may new donors.

e) Detail the greatest challenges faced in your dealings with donors.

Many establishments that we approached already donated to a cause. Also , organizations which deal with the transportation, storage, and/or distribution of food, do not presently have the capacity to take on new donors, but will have the means in a matter of time. Many donors such as produce stands would try and donate food that was not sufficient to meet an organization such as the Red Cross' standards for human consumption.

f) Detail any instance in which an anti-hunger organization believed, correctly or incorrectly, that your project was competing with them for the same donor. Explain how you overcame this potential conflict.

We received the name of Ford Motor Company as a donor via their world headquarters cafeteria. This name was given to us through a Hunger Summit held in Detroit as well as another partner organization. When pursuing Ford, we received a call from Forgotten Harvest who had been pursuing them as well. The agency was extremely upset over this since it was a member of their board of directors that was making the delicate negotiations. We then backed away from Ford even though as of less than a month previous, they had announced that they were not donating or in the process as of then. To solve further clashing, we partnered and worked very closely with Forgotten Harvest to recruit new donors together.

26. Collection, Transportation, and Storage - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Explain in detail the physical process for collecting the food, delivering it to a distribution site, and storing it.

The food was collected from fields by volunteers and members with buckets or bags. The food was then collected onto trucks or vans and taken to either a distribution center or straight to soup kitchens to be prepared for consumption.. At the distribution center, the food would be stored until various agencies would come for a pick-up.

b) How did you obtain adequate resources to collect the food?

Volunteers were provided through partner organizations who were also in charge of pick-up and distribution, as well a community agencies such as juvenile corrections.

c) How did you obtain adequate resources to transport the food?

Transportation was provided through partner organization who also were in charge of distribution.

d) How did you obtain adequate resources to store the food?

Storage was also provided through partner organizations.

e) How did you obtain bushels and/or containers to hold and transport the food?

Buckets and bags were donated through markets and bakeries.

f) Explain any special steps you took to ensure food safety.

We picked produce as soon as our resources allowed after a producer's harvest to ensure that the food was not overripe. In one case, we also sorted through 500 pounds of radishes to ensure we were distributing the freshest quality.

g) Detail your greatest challenges in the area of food safety.

It was out of our hands as to how long produce would be stored from the time we brought it in to the time it was actually prepared and eaten.

27. Recipients - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Please list the names and numbers that helped identify food recipients and helped distribute the food to recipients.

American Red Cross Regional Food Distribution Center
2116 Mint Rd.
Lansing, MI 48906
(517) 321-6807

Inkster Harvest
1-800-943-6631
or (313) 561-7699

b) Explain how the families in need were identified.

Families in need were determined by the agencies who utilize the Distribution Center or the families that utilize Inkster Harvest's soup kitchens.

c) Explain how the food was physically distributed.

The food was distributed as the Distribution center in bags or boxes to recipient agencies. The food in the Detroit area was taken directly to the soup kitchens from the farms and prepared by volunteers for consumption during meals.

d) Explain what your greatest success was in identifying those in need and distributing the food.

The greatest success was working with organizations who knew better than we did who was in need the most.

e) Explain your greatest challenge in identifying families in need and/or distributing the food to such families

We never identified with individual families.

f) Please explain any ways in which you enabled recipients themselves to help collect their own food.

Often our partner organizations in charge of pick-up and distribution would bring volunteers who were also recipients to glean produce.

28. Liability:

a) Did liability issues have a significant impact upon your project?

Liability was never a significant issue.

b) Were your states' "Good Samaritan" laws sufficient to provide adequate protection and comfort to your project's partners?

Michigan's Good Samaritan laws were sufficient for our partners.

29. Volunteers - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Provide detailed specifics about the tasks performed by non-compensated community volunteers.

Volunteers performed the tasks of picking produce from the fields as well as loading trucks or vans with the produce.

b) Detail the methods that were most successful in recruiting volunteers.

Success in recruiting volunteers came through our partner organizations who were in charge of pick-up and distribution of produce. They usually brought many volunteers from their own volunteer base. Also, we had much support from corrections facilities.

c) Explain the greatest challenges you faced in recruiting volunteers.

It was difficult to recruit volunteers from organizations such as FFA or 4-H during the summer since they either do not have much contact during the summer, or have too much to do as far as county fairs and helping on the farm during the summer. Also, organizations are weary of sending their volunteer base for fear of depleting their resources or competing with a project such as ours.

d) Detail the time and other resources that were required to recruit, supervise, train, and motivate volunteers.

Most time was spent trying to recruit volunteers from various organizations. Much time was spent sending out letters and making phone calls to contact organizations and conjure volunteers. Summer is a difficult time to do this. Training was not a time consuming effort and was done on-sight.

e) Detail the effectiveness of any other sources of labor, such as alternative sentencing youth, that were utilized by your project.

Juvenile corrections in every county were contacted as a resource base for both project sights. The facilities were extremely helpful in the utilization of youths to volunteer for our project.

f) Detail how much and the nature of the training your project provided to volunteers and other workers.

Training was minimal and included how to carefully pick produce and proper manners when entering a producer's field.

g) Explain which types of service were most suitable to which age-groups of volunteers.

The services which we needed volunteers only included the actual gleaning of produce. Children and young adults were most suited and enjoyed this service most of all. Much of any agency's volunteer base is with the elderly who are unable to perform the task of gleaning without risking their health. Although these agencies could not physically perform the gleaning, they were instrumental in getting the word out to organizations capable of carrying out the task. This seemed to be a service that the older volunteer base enjoyed doing.

30. Budget - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Detail any items on your budget for which you needed less money than originally anticipated.

In some cases we needed less travel than expected. We also had a very early termination of one member, and relatively early termination of two other members, meaning that their stipend did not have to be paid out to 480 hours.

b) Detail any items on your budget for which you required more money than originally anticipated.

31. Replicability and sustainability :

a) Could your project be replicated in other locations? Explain.

Yes. As long as an organization or accompli or organizations has the volunteer base, access to movement and storage facilities, and are credible by area farmers then the project can be replicated everywhere.

b) Detail what steps you and/or your partners have taken to sustain the project beyond November.

The project is being taken over by our partner organization Inkster Harvest in the Detroit area. They have the means to movement and distribution of food as well as access to a large volunteer base comprised largely of recipients, and have already made connections with various producers. Inkster Harvest will carry the project on in conjunction with other community organizations such as the Salvation Army. Inkster Harvest is also a recipient of an educational organization named Hunger Action Coalition that serves southeastern Michigan where Inkster Harvest will be able to share their experiences for even more organizations to replicate.

In Lansing, The American Red Cross Regional Food Distribution Center is taking over the project by using contacts that we've made to producers as well as using their own volunteer base as well as volunteers that we have networked. The Distribution Center has access to their own trucks for transportation as well as a refrigerated/freezer warehouse to store and distribute produce.

In addition, we have sent out letters to producers that showed interest in the project but had no yield to recover, or have not yet been in contact with either organization personally. These letters are a legal understanding that if the producer wishes, their name, phone, and address will be released to either of the two above mentioned organizations to participate in gleaning in future summers. The producer must list their information along with their signature which signifies their understanding that they are releasing their information to a non-profit, and then return it to us in an already stamped envelope. In turn, we will make copies for our files as well as pass the information on to the non-profit for future use.

32. Community support: Please detail any support you have received from local, state, and national political, religious, business, and/or community leaders. (Please attach any letters of support)

Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer: quote to be published

Lansing Mayor David Hollister: Complementary Lansing Lugnuts tickets (minor league baseball team)

33. Media coverage: Please explain what efforts were most effective and least effective in securing media coverage for your projects.

The most effective methods of media response came through smaller, local media establishments. These establishments were most interested in our project since it was directly effecting their community in some way.

The least effective efforts were trying to contact larger news stations and publications such as the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, and Lansing State Journal. These establishments did not want a phone conversation describing the project, program, or special event, they wanted a fax including any pertinent information. The information needed to be given by us was insignificant compared to what their publication needed to cover in a daily edition. Usually if the publication was interested, they did not have enough time to schedule a photographer since we had to give short notice due to not having full information we needed in due time: i.e. what dignitary would be attending an event in order to formulate media attention.

34. Project Milestones - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

a) Please lay-out, with specific dates, the specific milestones your project achieved.

June 17, two members and both project members meet the Secretary of Agriculture at a Detroit Hunger Summit.

June 24, members are sworn in by Senator Carl Levin, the Under-Secretary of Agriculture is in attendance.

July (end of), members embark on their first gleaning efforts.

August 20, celebrate "National Week of Food Recovery" which was an extremely productive day using a diverse group of volunteers to glean enough sweet corn to supplement around 6000 meals.

b) Please provide a list of the top dozen or so steps you believe would be critical for anyone in the future attempting to implement a project such as yours.

1. Create a large volunteer base with individuals willing to do physical work and work in a few days' notice.

2. Include a food bank or large pantry that has the capacity to store fresh produce as well

as distribute to agencies that are served by the establishment. Make certain the pantry or bank can distribute fresh produce in due time. Chances are, these establishments also have a volunteer base or recipient agencies who have a volunteer base.

3. Partner with a local truck establishment such as U-haul or Ryder since any hunger-relief agency that has their own trucks are usually using the truck full time and to their capacity.

4. If you are not familiar with the Agriculture Community, consult with someone who is such as the county FSA. They can route you to the best method of networking farmers to allow individuals to glean. It is a delicate network and much effort needs to put into it to gain trust.

5. Consult with other local volunteer agencies that you are not already familiar with. They might have similar project or have food donated from a source you are considering. Make sure you are not crossing paths. If there is a chance you might cross paths, then join forces to increase volunteer base and resources to fight hunger.

6. Consult with local markets or bakeries in getting buckets, bushels, or boxes donated. There will always be an establishment willing to donate containers that you will collect the produce in since they usually throw their containers out anyway. There is no reason you should spend money on containers.

7. Congratulate or recognize the producers that participate and the establishments that donate outside of your project through a local paper and the like. Local recognition will ensure good terms and a continuing project. Possibly hold a special event including all who make your project successful.

{END OF REPORT}

PARTNERS

LANSING

Contribution

*	Michigan Community Service Commission (Our First Lady, Michelle Engler is Director of this commission)	Advising
*	Mayor David C. Hollister	Support
*	American Red Cross Regional Food Distribution Center	Move, Dist. of Food
*	Greater Lansing Food Bank	Advising
*	Food Bank Council of Michigan	Advising
*	Michigan State University, Cooper Extension	Educational Materials
*	Michigan State University, Central Bakery	Gleaning Containers
*	Ingham County Health Department, Food Bank	Advising
*	Michigan Employment Security Commission	Placement, Recruiting Members
*	Michigan Farm Bureau	Support

DETROIT

*	Michigan Community Service Commission	Advising
*	Mayor Dennis Archer	Support
*	JoAnn Clark, Director Detroit Senior Citizens and Homeless	Advising
*	HUD Empowerment Zone	Advising
*	Hunger Action Coalition	Support, Advising, Educ. Materials
*	Michigan Black Farmers Association	Support, Advising
*	Focus Hope	Recruitment
*	Capuchin Soup Kitchen	Support, Kick-Off
*	Food Bank Council of Michigan	Advising
*	Michigan State University, Cooperative Extension	Educational Materials
*	Michigan Employment Security Commission	Placement, Recruiting Members
*	Inkster Harvest	Move, Dist. of Food
*	U- Haul	Trucks for Inkster Harvest
*	Rocky's Convenience Store	Goods for Nat. Week Food Recovery Event

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May 1, 1996

QUOTE FROM MAYOR DENNIS W. ARCHER

"The partnership between the U.S.D.A. Farm Service Agency and Detroit is very good news. Detroit, like other urban cities, is experiencing an escalating demand for emergency food assistance and we welcome this innovative project which will give us access to new food resources to feed our hungry."



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USDA Summer of Gleaning State Progress Report (CNS Grant No. 95ADFDC047)

1. Check this reporting period: Mid-Term ☒ Final ☐

SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: Michigan

3. Agency: ARS ☐ NRCS ☐ Forest Service ☐ RECD ☐ FSA ☒ FCS ☐

SECTION II - STATE CONTACT INFORMATION: (Make Corrections if Necessary)

4. Contact Name: Sandi Durham
First Middle Last

5. Title: Project Manager

6. Address: 3001 Coolidge Rd Suite 100
street, number, and PO (if applicable)

East Lansing MI 48223
City State Zip

7. Telephone number: 517 - 337 - 6660

8. Fax number: 517 - 337 - 6789

9. E-Mail Address (if any): _____

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Site Supervisor: Jane Van Ness

PHONE: 810-732-5350

Agency/Org Name: Farm Services Agency

FAX: 8102302404

STATE: MI

City: Flint, MI

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 3

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS		Total
					1st half	2nd half	
217 Rosalind Boyd,	(b)(6)	F	A	A			0
Total Hours:							217 0

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8hrs Sheila R. Morgan	(b)(6)	F	E	C			0
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270 hrs Rodney, Tucker	(b)(6)	F	A	A			0
Total Hours: 270							0

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Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS		Total
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190 hrs Randolph Richardson	(b)(6)	F	A	A			0
Total Hours: 190							0

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PHONE: 517-543-1512

Agency/Org Name: Farm Services Agency

FAX: 5175435926

STATE: MI

City: Charlotte, MI

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 3

Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS		Total
					1st half	2nd half	
350 hrs Ryan Ryder	(b)(6)	F	A	A			0
Total Hours: 350							0

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Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS		Total
					1st half	2nd half	
321hrs Alexandra L. Sinischo	(b)(6)	F	A	A			0
Total Hours: 321							0

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Total Hours:							350 0

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11. Please list the total number of **volunteers** who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>2</u>	<u> </u>	<u>2</u>

12. Please list the total number of **hours of community service** completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
<u>16</u>	<u> </u>	<u>16</u>

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. Original Community Service Objectives: Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. **You need to fill in the column marked "Mid-Term Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term Success" --- as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark --- for EVERY operating site.** Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Summer's QTY Target" - The Summer's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

"Mid Term Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target"

"Summer's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL SUMMER OF GLEANING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES
 (Under "Mid-TERM Quantity" enter the amount of work done in the third quarter. Do the same for "Mid-TERM Success".)

State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Summer QTY Target	Unit of Measure	MID-TERM Quantity	Summer Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	MID-TERM Success
MI	926A	1	EN-H009A	Increase food rescue	13000	# of lbs of food rescued	0	6500	# of individuals fed with gleaned food	0
MI	926 B	1	EN-H042A	Develop network for distribution of gleaned produce	13000	# of lbs of food rescued	700	6500	# of individuals fed with gleaned food	400+

"Mid-Term Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target"

15. **Community Service Objectives Narrative (optional):** If you feel it is necessary and/or helpful, you may use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.

Although we have not gleaned close to our target amount as of yet, we have lined up numerous producers and are waiting for their crops to come in with the season.

Also, the potential donors that we connected Forgotten Harvest with will actually begin donating over time, in relation to Forgotten Harvest with will actually begin donating over time, in relation to Forgotten Harvest's capacity. We might not see results from donors for months to come.

16. **Community Building Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

The "Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue" has given community members the power of knowing where to tap into food sources as well as distribution of food.

17. **AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by Members through either their service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any Members that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

Receiving an education award has given each member the incentive to begin or continue with their education. The program has also exposed each member to several different lifestyles making them each more diversified.

SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

18. **Unique Successes or Great Stories :** Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program highlight, or a 'great story' from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non-AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips, videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

The Detroit area members received a verbal commitment from a 1000 acre fruit and vegetable producer. This commitment could not have come at a better time since the Detroit area members had not been able to experience much success due to poor weather and unsuccessful leads to food donors in the immediate Detroit area.

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

19. **Difficulties Faced by the Program:** Use this section to report on any problems your Members have encountered in the program this period. These should be significant issues which were related to achieving objectives, significant delays in implementation, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that have caused the Members concern. State the problem concisely and how the issue has, or has not been resolved. Be sure to outline the steps taken and identify any resources needed to assist in resolving the problem.

1. Agencies involved in food rescue are extremely wary of new-comers. Territory is sacred as far as donors. By working with Forgotton Harvest, we are able to avoid stepping on toes.
2. Poor weather caused county office workers and producers to not be as receptive as they normally would. A better response about the project came when weather conditions and office conditions took a turn for the better. It is also better to let the producer participate in the project at their disposal. For instance, do not repeatedly contact the producer.

SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

National Identity Activities (OPTIONAL): Please describe any activities undertaken by Members that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. These could include joint service activities, meetings with other AmeriCorps projects, national telephone conference calls, use of Internet to communicate with other sites, etc.

On June 17, 1996 two AmeriCorps members, Rodney Tucker and Alex Sinischo, were able to attend a Hunger Summit in which the Secretary of Agriculture was present. The two members had numerous photo opportunities with Secretary Glickman, one of which was published in the Detroit News. The Summit was held at Detroit's Gleaners Food Bank.

21. **Organizational Changes:** Please outline and describe any changes in your program's organization and/or structure during the quarter.

The Detroit project sight has taken several different turns. The focus of the sight had to be taken from gleaning to food rescue due to poor weather and crop conditions. From food rescue, the focus shifted back to gleaning and food rescue at the same time. Gleaning now took place in alternate counties where weather was more cooperative, and food rescue took place through the agency Forgotten Harvest.

22. **Organizational Improvements (OPTIONAL):** Please write any suggestions by you, your Members, site managers, or anyone else regarding ways in which the USDA or CNS AmeriCorps program could be improved.

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Workshops or workshop type handbooks would improve the project. Although skills in achieving your goals come through experience, it would be helpful to have initial training in how to network with others to achieve a goal.

{END OF REPORT}

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WASHTENAW-WAYNE COUNTY FSA OFFICE
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August 1, 1996

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU NEWS
PO BOX 30960
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The attached news release/s are important information for our agriculture community. It is requested that the articles be used in your upcoming news
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Sincerely,

Rosalind Boyd/Randolph Richardson
USDA AmeriCorp Team Members

"SUMMER OF GLEANING AND FOOD RESCUE"

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This summer a very special project named the "Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue" is taking place. This is an AmeriCorps/USDA project, and is being carried out by the Michigan Farm Service Agency. The project entails gathering leftover fruits and vegetables from various producers in order to be taken to the American Red Cross Food Distribution Center to feed hungry individuals in the Lansing area.

We are calling on you to help us make this project a success. If you have any edible leftover produce from your operation that would otherwise go to waste, would you please donate the goods to our cause? Your help is beneficial to those in need and therefore, may be tax deductible as well. If you have anything at all to donate, please contact **Alex Sinischo** any time of the day at:

(517) 337-6660, Ext. 1214



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Michigan Farm Service Agency
3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 100
East Lansing, MI 48823-6321

"The Summer of Gleaning
and Food Rescue"

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The "Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue" is a project being carried out by the Michigan Farm Service Agency in the Detroit and Lansing areas in Michigan, and in 17 other locations nationwide. The project entails the recovery of leftover fruits and vegetables after a producer's harvest to be distributed to Lansing and Detroit area hungry.

The AmeriCorps members are in charge of lining up producers to donate their crops after mechanical harvest, organizing volunteers to do the actual gathering of the produce, and organizing the produce to be distributed to those in need. This project is a wonderful idea with the potential for great success. However, we need producers who are willing to donate their edible leftovers as well as volunteers who are willing to gather the precious food. Hopefully your publication can serve as a much-appreciated catalyst for the success of the project.

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The "Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue" entails recovering leftover produce from area farms after a farmer's mechanical harvest. After this recovery takes place, it is then distributed to area soup kitchens and pantries in order to feed the impoverished. Currently, we are working in conjunction with The American Red Cross Regional Food Distribution Center in seeing that the produce is distributed where needed in the Lansing area.

In addition to the gleaning of area farms, food rescue may also take place at area food stores. Food rescue entails the recovery of items from store shelves as they approach their expiration date or if a food container is misshaped in any way. Both these methods of recovery put what otherwise would be waste to good use.

This project however, cannot succeed unless we have participation. Participation from farmers, store owners, and most importantly, participation from volunteers willing to go into fields and glean the leftovers. The task of gleaning requires many volunteers in order to gather the most food possible.

That is why we are calling on you. We need your resources to help us gather volunteers to make this project a success. Please join us in this unique project in order to stop hunger in the United States. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please call Alex Sinischo at (517) 337-6660 extension: 1214.

Sincerely,

Alex Sinischo

AmeriCorps Volunteer

"Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue"



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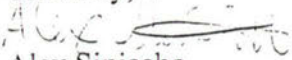
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This project cannot work however, unless there are volunteers who will go into the fields and gather this precious food. That is why we need your help. Any time you can volunteer with us to help us feed the hungry will be appreciated. For more information, please contact Alex Sinischo at (517) 337-6660 extension: 1214.



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Helping Fight Hunger During This Summer
During the
"Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue"

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Lessons in the "Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue:"

What is Gleaning? : Gathering produce after a farmers mechanical harvest. In the U.S. alone, at least 10 to 15 percent of our farmers' harvest goes to waste. This number is quite disturbing considering there are hungry people in the most wealthy nation in the world. Through the USDA's "Summer of Gleaning and Food Rescue," much of this produce that would otherwise go to waste is being used to feed our hungry.

Who is participating? : Lansing and Detroit area farmers are participating by donating their fields and produce, the Michigan Farm Services Agencies are donating their guidance and resources, volunteers are donating their precious time in the fields, and the six AmeriCorps members are volunteering their services in organizing the participants, all with the cause of helping our hungry. Two specific organizations are participating in the actual distribution of the produce: The American Red Cross Food Distribution Center in Lansing, and Hunger Action Coalition in Detroit. We are blessed with such a wide array of backgrounds joining in to accomplish our goal.

What is the exact role of the AmeriCorps member? : The six AmeriCorps workers are to persuade farmers that they should participate in this special program. This means personal visitation to farms in order to discuss the project. After a farmer commits to the project, it is up to the AmeriCorps member to organize as many volunteers as possible to do the actual gleaning. Finally, an AmeriCorps member must make arrangements with the produce distributor and see that the produce is delivered where it is needed. In return for their dedication and services (at least 480 hours to be completed this summer), an AmeriCorps member receives a living allowance and a \$1000 educational award.

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USDA Summer of Gleaning State Progress Report (CNS Grant No. 95ADFDC047)

1. Check this reporting period: Mid-Term ☐ Final ☒

SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

2. State: Missouri

3. Agency: ARS ☐ NRCS ☐ Forest Service ☐ RECD ☐ FSA ☒ FCS ☐

SECTION II - STATE CONTACT INFORMATION: (Make Corrections if Necessary)

4. Contact Name: Cindy L. White
First Middle Last

5. Title: Project Director

6. Address: c/o Ray County Farm Service Agency / 201 E. Franklin Suite 5
street, number, and PO (if applicable)

Richmond Missouri 64085
City State Zip

7. Telephone number: 8 1 6 - 7 7 6 - 5 8 6 1

8. Fax number: 8 1 6 - 7 7 6 - 6 9 0 2

9. E-Mail Address (if any): _____

SECTION III - MEMBER DATA:

1. Attached are sheets concerning AmeriCorps Member data. The first type of Member Data sheet lists each Member, by operating site, for whom the USDA Office of National Service has received at least a Member enrollment form. The sheet will also list the number of slots allotted to that site and the number of enrollment forms received by the Department; you will need to fill in the number of Members actually enrolled. The sheets give the Member's name, social security number, and enrollment status. Please review the data and check for:

- a. Correct spelling of the name;
- b. Accuracy of the Social Security Number;
- c. Service type (F= Full-time member; P= Part-time member);
- d. Program Status (A = Active; C = Completed; E = Ended Service Early)*
- e. Trust Status (I = Earning Award; II = Earned Award; III = Did Not Earn Award; IV = On Hold by the Corporation for National Service; V = Under Review).

Alongside each name, give the total number of hours served (includes training time) by the Member this reporting period. Do this even if the Member has terminated during the reporting period. For Members who are on the list but have terminated or had their service type or status changed, just cross out the old status and print the new one alongside it. Make your corrections directly on this sheet and submit it along with the other portions of your progress report.

The second type of Member Data sheets give an Operating Site ID number and the name of the site supervisor but has no Member names listed. That is because the USDA Office of National Service has not received Enrollment forms for any members from these sites. Please print the necessary information for each member on the appropriate sheet and submit an enrollment form to the Department. If a Member began service but terminated, we still need a form for that person --- indicates their status as terminated. Also note whether or not the site sent the enrollment form directly to the Corporation for National Service. It is hoped that by now everyone understands that all forms (except health and child care) should come directly to the USDA Director of National Service and NOT--- repeat NOT --- the Corporation for National Service.

REMEMBER:

- a. ALL members should be listed even though they only served a few days. If an enrollment form was submitted for a Member who then terminates either by officially notifying you or simply by walking away from the program, an End of Term of Service Form MUST be submitted for the Member.
- b. If Members are serving at an operating site and their name does not appear on the list for that site, first check to see if the Member is listed under a different operating site; if not, then an Enrollment Form must be submitted so the person can be enrolled in the program.
- c. List all the hours a Member served during the reporting period regardless if they terminated or if they started in the middle of the period.

SECTION III MEMBER DATA:

11. Please review the attached Member list which represents all Members for whom Joel Berg's Office have recieved a Member enrollment form. Check for correct spelling of the name and accuracy of the Social Secruity Number and Status (F = full-time; P = part-time; T = Terminated; C = Completed full term). If a member has terminated, cross out the F or P and write T. Under the hours total write the number of hours they served before termination and indicate if you will submit to Mr. Berg a request for the person to recieve a partial education award. For Members who are serving at your site but are not listed, enter their name, SSN, Date they began service and hours served to date. Also submit a proper enrollment form or copy of the form to Mr. Berg (make sure you keep a copy for yourself). Give the number of hours the person served (includes training hours) during the period of the report.

> Site ID: 929A Site Supervisor:

> of: 10/24/96

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Member Name			SSN	Status	OP Site	1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt	Total
ARNOLD	, RYAN	D.	(b)(6)	S	EC__ 929A					500 hrs 0
GARDNER	, LORENA	A.	(b)(6)	S	EC__ 929A	0	0	0	0	512 hrs 0

11. Please list the total number of volunteers who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in _____ state during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
_____	_____	<u>32</u>

12. Please list the total number of hours of community service completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
_____	_____	<u>10</u>

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES: --NO SHEETS ATTACHED--
PLEASE ADVISE

13. **Original Community Service Objectives:** Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. You need to fill in the column marked "Mid-Term Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term Success" --- as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark --- for EVERY operating site. Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Summer's QTY Target" - The Summer's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

"Final Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target"

"Summer's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Final Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target"

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- 15. Community Service Objectives Narrative:** Use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site. See statement under item 13

Original Objective Statement: To provide fresh fruits and vegetables to ninety needy, hungry, or elderly families through voluntary gleaning and food rescue efforts. Increase nutrition, food preparation and food storage education to families through a family nutrition program.

Additional Community Service Objective: The above was accomplished through partnership efforts between AmeriCorps members and Harvesters Community Food Network. More focus could have been on food preparation and storage education, but the time frame of the project was limited.

- 16. Community Building Objectives Narrative:** Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

Members for the Summer of Gleaning project were recruited from the Black Archives of Mid America. These members worked with individuals and groups from a variety of nonprofit groups, food pantries, etc. Summer of Gleaning mission statement was to make the community aware of the waste and ways to improve on awareness of the situation. All of this was accomplished by the members networking with the various groups.

AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative: Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by Members through either their service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any Members that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

When members were recruited, interviews were conducted. In these interviews members' accomplishments and goals were discussed. Each member recruited were presently going to college and wanted to further their education in their fields of public education and electronic engineering. Both members were active in doing community service work. The Summer of Gleaning project broadened the areas of the members and their own community service objectives. Members became more aware of the communities needs.

SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

18. **Unique Successes or Great Stories :** Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program highlight, or a 'great story' from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non-AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips, videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

We feel the project itself was a success story. In one instance members recruited non-AmeriCorps community volunteers to glean pumpkins and squash donated by a private citizen, as it turned out it rained that day but it did not stop the members or volunteers from getting the job done.

Recruitment of non-AmeriCorps volunteers were done by personal contact, phone, word of mouth and by flyers being distributed.

Media coverage was limited due to the time frame being limited in circumstances where a donor would call to donate fruits and/or vegetables, the members main focus would be on the actual gleaning.

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

19. **Overall Difficulties Faced by the Program:** Use this section to report on any problems your Members have encountered in the program this period. These should be significant issues which were related to achieving objectives, significant delays in implementation, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that have caused the Members concern. State the problem concisely and how the issue has, or has not been resolved. Be sure to outline the steps taken and identify any resources needed to assist in resolving the problem.

TRANSPORTATION

SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

20. **National Identity Activities:** Please describe any activities undertaken by Members that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. These could include joint service activities, meetings with other AmeriCorps projects, national telephone conference calls, use of Internet to communicate with other sites, etc.

Members on occasion would set in on National telephone conference calls, therefore providing and listening to input of other projects. Members also networked with other volunteer organizations.

21. **Organizational Changes:** Please outline and describe any changes in your program's organization and/or structure during the quarter.

Duties required by Site Supervisor/Project Director were reassigned between present Project Director and State Executive Director. Reassignment was due to increased workload of Project Director and responsibility of also being County Executive Director and administering AMTA duties.

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--SEE ATTACHED--

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22. **Organizational Improvements:**

- A. Have a more structured reporting system.
- B. Develop a report format to be used by all USDA projects. By doing this all reports will be the same and easier to read and retrieve information from.
- C. Create a networking system to be used by all AmeriCorps projects for coordination of recruitment activities, project and special events and creating a good base for information. The national identity of AmeriCorps would benefit from this networking system because projects within a certain state or city could join together on certain projects and special event activities thus creating more public awareness of what AmeriCorps initiative is "working together to get things done".
- D. Recognizing members and their accomplishments.

23. **Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs:**

- A. Respect, by giving each project the freedom to accomplish their objectives with only a custody review by upper level management.
- B. Prompt response to calls made to Washington staff members from state staff members.
- C. Display of organizational skills. During the administration of the "Summer of Gleaning" project things seemed in disarray and this affected the attitude of staff and members.
- D. Staff members should have a review of Ethics and EEO guidelines.

SECTION VI - FOOD RECOVERY SPECIFICS

24. Partnerships - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

--SEE ATTACHED--

- a) Please explain how your project identified its partners:
- b) Please provide a final, updated, list of partner organizations:
- c) Please detail contributions to the project, both financial and in-kind, provided by partners.
- d) If partners raised funds specifically for this project, please explain how.
- e) Please explain specifically what concrete assistance was provided by each partner organization.
- f) Please explain what worked best in the partnerships.
- g) Please explain what your greatest challenges were in forging and implementing your partnerships.

25. Donors - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

--SEE ATTACHED--

- a) Please detail how many food donors there were to your project and name all donors other than individual farmers.
- b) Please detail how the donors were contacted.
- c) Explain how, precisely, the donors provided food and what oversight, if any, they provided in the process.
- d) Detail the greatest success your project faced in dealing with donors.
- e) Detail the greatest challenges faced in your dealings with donors.
- f) Detail any instance in which an anti-hunger organization believed, correctly or incorrectly, that your project was competing with them for the same donor. Explain how you overcame this potential conflict.

26. Collection, Transportation, and Storage - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

--SEE ATTACHED--

- a) Explain in detail the physical process for collecting the food, delivering it to a distribution site, and storing it.
- b) How did you obtain adequate resources to collect the food?
- c) How did you obtain adequate resources to transport the food?
- d) How did you obtain adequate resources to store the food?
- e) How did you obtain bushels and/or containers to hold and transport the food?
- f) Explain any special steps you took to ensure food safety.
- g) Detail your greatest challenges in the area of food safety.

24. **Partnerships:**

A. Identification of partners - When Missouri's project proposal was written, potential partners with similar objectives were contacted to see if they would be interested in supporting the "Summer of Gleaning" project proposal. Members, once they were on board contacted other potential partners.

B. Partners:

Harvesters Community Food Network

Black Archives of Mid America Inc.

Renaissance West, Inc.

University of Missouri Extension Service

USDA-FSA Kansas City Management Office

C. Contributions by Partners:

The Harvesters Community Food Network - Spite what was encountered by other staff members, showed what teamwork was all about by providing our project with recipients, food donators and developed with our staff a working partnership between AmeriCorps members and other volunteers.

Black Archives of Mid America, Inc. - Our members were recruited from this partnership. The Archives also provided payment-in-kind services by the usage of phones, fax machines and copiers on different occasions.

Renaissance West, Inc. - Provided volunteers for food recovery.

University of Missouri Extension Service - Provided nutritional, food preparation and storage information to members and recipients.

USDA-FSA Kansas City Management Office - Provided our members and staff with office space, phones, fax machines, and supplies.

25. **Donors:**

- A. Number of Food Donors** - This is difficult to determine except for individual farmers due to the fact that we worked in partnership with Harvesters and they have literally hundreds of donors.
- B. Donor Contacts** - Members would contact individuals for food recovery and the Harvesters Network and a broad range of media contacts for donors and when Harvesters could not recover, AmeriCorps members were contacted for assistance.
- C. How Donations Were Made** - Individual producers provided fruit and vegetables that could not be harvested by their resources, our members recruited volunteers and recovered several hundred pounds of fruit and vegetables. Donors were present at project site and on occasion assisted in the gleaning process.
- D. Greatest Success** - Each and every gleaning and food recovery.
- E. Greatest Challenge** - Making sure our mission statement was understood by donors.
- F. Competition of Donors** - We did not have this problem here in Missouri. The Harvester Network gave our members and staff lists of their donors and this was respected.

26. **Collection, Transportation, and Storage:**

- A. **Physical process** - Donated fruit and vegetables were gleaned by members and volunteers, put into storage containers. Members then would arrange for pick-up and delivery of food by one of the partners, where it was taken for storage and distribution.
- B. **Resources/ Food** - Resources for food collection were obtained by member contacts and networking with partners.
- C. **Resources/Transportation** - Same as Item 26B.
- D. **Resources/Storage** - Same as Item 26B.
- E. **Resources/Storage Containers** - Same as Item 26B.
- F. **Food Safety** - Members visited areas where food was stored and distributed.
- G. **Challenges Food Safety** - None noted.

27. Recipients - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

--SEE ATTACHED--

Please list the names and numbers that helped identify food recipients and helped distribute the food to recipients.

- b) Explain how the families in need were identified.
- c) Explain how the food was physically distributed.
- d) Explain what your greatest success was in identifying those in need and distributing the food.
- e) Explain your greatest challenge in identifying families in need and/or distributing the food to such families.
- f) Please explain any ways in which you enabled recipients themselves to help collect their own food.

28. Liability:

- a) Did liability issues have a significant impact upon your project?

NO

- b) Were your states' "Good Samaritan" laws sufficient to provide adequate protection and comfort to your project's partners?

Yes, and may I add very well supported by Members of Congress here in Missouri with the passage of "Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act."

29. Volunteers - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

--SEE ATTACHED--

Provide detailed specifics about the tasks performed by non-compensated community volunteers.

- b) Detail the methods that were most successful in recruiting volunteers.
- c) Explain the greatest challenges you faced in recruiting volunteers.
- d) Detail the time and other resources that were required to recruit, supervise, train, and motivate volunteers.
- e) Detail the effectiveness of any other sources of labor, such as alternative sentencing youth, that were utilized by your project.
- f) Detail how much and the nature of the training your project provided to volunteers and other workers.
- g) Explain which types of service were most suitable to which age-groups of volunteers.

30. Budget - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

--SEE ATTACHED--

- a) Detail any items on your budget for which you needed less money than originally anticipated.
- b) Detail any items on your budget for which you required more money than originally anticipated.

27. **Recipients:**

- A. **Identification of Receipts** - The Harvesters Community Food Network
1911 N. Topping
Kansas City, MO 64120-1259
(816) 231-3173
Attention: Todd Long
- B. **Family Identification** - Families were identified by nonprofit groups that work directly with the Harvesters Network. (ex. area churches, Salvation Army, local food pantries, etc.)
- C. **Food Distribution** - Food once it was gleaned was then taken back to the Harvesters Network to be inventoried, and then distributed out to the various organizations. Distribution to the various organizations are done on a pre-approval basis. The nonprofit groups then come and "shop" for food needs, the products are then weighted and accounted for.
- D. **Success** - We feel the program as a whole was a great success. Partnerships were developed. And with hope will be carried on by the various groups that our members worked with. The only draw back the summer was not enough time to accomplish everything that is possible in food recovery, but its a start to public awareness.
- E. **Greatest Challenge in Identifying Families** - We felt this was not a challenge. The challenge we faced was the transporting of members and volunteers to the various sites.

29. **Volunteers:**

- A. **Tasks By Volunteers** - Volunteers went to the fields and orchards and gleaned surplus fruit and vegetables.
- B. **Recruiting Volunteers** - Members recruited volunteers from the networking that was done by members with the various organizations. Each project was evaluated before and to determine volunteers needed, members then made phone calls, visited offices, distributed flyers for each project.
- C. **Greatest Challenge in Recruiting** - Time.
- D. **Time/Resources Required** - It took time in the way of phone calls and making the initial contacts to recruit volunteers, this was done by the members. Supervision of volunteers were minimal due to they mostly gleaned the fruit and vegetables. Motivation of volunteers was not a problem.
- E. **Other Resources for Volunteers** - Not applicable to Missouri project.
- F. **Nature of Training Volunteers** - Volunteers were instructed by members on project location and nature of project before the actual gleaning took place. Training again was minimal due to it just involving the actual gleaning process.
- G. **Types of Services/Age Groups** - The gleaning process is suitable to all age groups of volunteers.

30. **BUDGET:**

- A. **Less Than Originally Estimated** - On a whole the Missouri Summer of Gleaning Project operated on a budget less than originally approved. We only recruited 2 volunteers were we were originally approved for 5. Mileage was kept to a minimum due to the placement of site in a central part of the project area. Administrative costs were also kept to a minimum due to partners providing supplies, equipment, phones, and office space. Staff costs were also considerably less due to employees volunteering some time in off duty hours.
- B. **More Than Originally Estimated** - Not applicable to Missouri's budget, operated less than originally estimated.

31. Replicability and sustainability :

--SEE ATTACHED--

a) Could your project be replicated in other locations? Explain.

b) Detail what steps you and/or your partners have taken to sustain the project beyond November.

32. Community support: Please detail any support you have received from local, state, and national political, religious, business, and/or community leaders. (Please attach any letters of support)

--SEE ATTACHED--

33. Media coverage: Please explain what efforts were most effective and least effective in securing media coverage for your projects.

--SEE ATTACHED--

34. Project Milestones - On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following:

--SEE ATTACHED--

a) Please lay-out, with specific dates, the specific milestones your project achieved.

b) Please provide a list of the top dozen or so steps you believe would be critical for anyone in the future attempting to implement a project such as yours.

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31. **Replicability and Sustainability:**

- A. **Project Replication** - This type of project can and should be replicated in every state.
- B. **Project Future** - Members worked with partners in ways to further this project beyond November. Information was provided on resources, potential partnerships, and volunteers. Members also sent letters concerning the passage of the "The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act".

32. **Community Support:**

Letter of support and partnership from the University of Missouri Extension Service is attached.

Community leaders were also contacted and made aware of project and its purpose.

33. **Media Coverage:**

Exposure of the project was made to the news media during recruitment. Partners were also involved. It was difficult to get a large amount of media attention due to the short time frame of project existence.

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USDA Summer of Gleaning State Progress Report (CNS Grant No. 95ADFDC047)

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SECTION I - STATE INFORMATION

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STATE: MS

City: Greenville, MS

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 4

Member Name		SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	HOURS				Total	
						1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt		
PETERSON	, ISAAC	C.	(b)(6)	S	A	I			280	280	0
WHITEHEAD	, JAMES	E.	(b)(6)	S	A	I			600	600	0
Total Hours: 880											0

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 4

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 2

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: 2

REMEMBER THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS FOR EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE THE HOURS SERVED AND NOT INCLUDE THE HOURS FOR PERSONAL LEAVE (16) AND HOLIDAYS (16). IF YOU HAVE BEEN COUNTING THESE PLEASE ADJUST THE FINAL REPORT'S HOURS SO THAT THE TOTAL IS AT LEAST 480 OF SERVICE (assuming the person was full-time and successfully completed the program.) You can have more than 480 hrs for a total just be sure all the hours were service hours. Thank You

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

(Under "Second Half Quantity" enter the amount of work done since the mid-term report. Do the same for "Second Half Success".)

Remember, since this is the last or final report, there should be no objectives with a zero entered in quantity or success, if a zero was entered for the first report (mid-term). (See your mid-term report) If you have objectives that you could not do anything on please explain why.

State	Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Projects		Second Half		Project's Success		Second Half	
					Target	QTY Unit of Measure	Quantity	Target	Success	Unit of Measure	Success	Success
MS	928A	1	BN-H007A	Farmland gleaned for distribution of food to hungry people		# of lbs of food rescued	105,000*	1700	# of individuals fed with gleaned food		2,000	

*Includes already prepared foods and non-perishable food items.

11. Please list the total number of volunteers who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members of the state during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
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32	37	69
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12. Please list the total number of hours of community service completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st half	2nd half	Total
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552	640	1,192
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SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. **Original Community Service Objectives:** Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. You need to fill in the column marked "Mid-Term Quantity" and the column marked "Mid-Term Success" -- as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark -- for EVERY operating site. Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Summer's QTY Target" - The Summer's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

"Final Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's QTY Target"

"Summer's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Final Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Summer's Success Target"

15. Community Service Objectives Narrative:

Our community service objectives were made easier to reach once we amended our efforts to include already prepared foods. This greatly increased our success target. Through a partnership with Morrison Cafeteria, AmeriCorps members and the Salvation Army provides food to 175 families daily. The number of families being fed increased by 51% (928A)

16. Community Building Objectives Narrative:

The AmeriCorps Gleaning Projects have reinforced the theory that "Self Help is the Best Help" and have done a lot to increase the self-esteem of many of the individuals involved in the projects.

17. AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative:

Members have naturally benefited from the educational award earned. Their commitment to serve and to give back to their community was their greatest reward.

18. Unique Successes or Great Stories:

One of our great success stories is our timely effort in developing a partnership between Morrison Already Prepared Foods and the Salvation Army of Greenville, Mississippi. On the exact day the Salvation Army's Food budget was cut, and their clients' list was increasing daily, this partnership was born. The volume of prepared foods rescued from Morrison allowed the Salvation Army to increase the number of meals served by 51%.

19. Overall Difficulties Faced by the Program:

The only difficulty encountered was due to the lack of rain, many of the crops were burned by the sun. Members had to plan creative food rescue in order to meet our goals.

20. National Identity Activities:

In addition to articles in the newspaper, flyers distributed in targeted areas, members sponsored a Food Give-Away to low income residents in Sunflower, MS. Community Volunteers were definitely an asset to the success of this event along with the partners that participated. Other USDA AmeriCorps members participated in the event along with U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman.

21. **Organizational Changes:**

Not Applicable.

22. **Organizational Improvements:**

No recommendations.

23. **Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs:**

In some of the really rural areas, it would help if motor pool (GSA) vehicles could be assigned to members on an as needed basis.

SECTION VI - FOOD RECOVERY SPECIFICS

24. **Partnerships**

Our partners were identified by leads from the USDA Rural Development State and National Offices. Due to the short time frame of the program, we made contact by phone with many perspective partners and made visits to others. Information on the Summer of Gleaning Program was either mailed or faxed to partners. We sought out certain partners because some efforts needed special people or assistance from special concerns. The following partners were identified:

- Mississippi Food Network (provided food)
- Alcorn State University (provided technical assistance)
- Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone Alliance
(provided volunteers)
- Lewis Grocery (provided food)
- Eubanks Farms (provided fresh vegetables)
- Food Consumer Service (provided technical assistance)
- Department of Human Service (Emergency Food Assistance)
(provided assistance in getting the word out about
Gleaning in Mississippi)
- MACE (provided volunteers)
- Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce (technical
assistance)
- Morrison Cafeteria (provided prepared foods)
- Salvation Army (Greenville, MS) (food pantry and
volunteers)

These partners together contributed approximately \$42,000 in-kind contributions.

The one thing that worked best by the partners was their commitment to get things done to serve food to rural residents in the Delta.

Our greatest challenge actually came from the people that we were serving. We had to first change their mind sets and to impress upon them that we were there to help them. In short, we had to show them and we had to deliver.

25. Donors

In addition to the donors mentioned in item 24, we also placed drop boxes at various supermarkets; therefore, names are not available.

In most cases, donors were contacted by phone and appointments were made. We, in some cases, just dropped by certain farms.

The farmers identified surplus food in the fields and instructed us as to what we could harvest. The wholesale/retail houses usually identified damaged cans or packages of non-perishable food.

The greatest success in dealing with our donors was, "We reached our goal."

The greatest challenge we faced from the donors was to prove to them that we were flexible enough to fit into their schedules, and once they committed, that we would do whatever was needed to complete the effort. We had to build their confidence in us.

No conflict was encountered.

26. Collection, Transportation, and Storage.

We used two different procedures for collecting foods, one for non-perishables and one for perishables. When collecting non-perishables we simply collected them and transported them to a storage area to be sorted and grouped in like quantities. They were then counted and boxed for distribution. When collecting perishables or already prepared foods, they have to be refrigerated right away. The already prepared foods were usually placed in coolers to be heated later for immediate serving.

Adequate resources to collect the food was available with the help of volunteers as well as resources to transport the food.

We were fortunate we only had to store non-perishables for a period of two days. Storage for the already prepared perishable food was placed in food coolers at the Salvation Army.

In cases where we had to transport food we used secured cardboard boxes. When large quantities had to be transported, we had to pay for truck transportation. The Salvation Army and Morrison provided covered cookware for already prepared foods.

To insure food safety, all foods were stored in clean, dry, locked areas. All prepared foods were delivered in sealed, tightly covered containers within 15 minutes of pick up.

Our greatest challenge was to secure enough food.