



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

**Date:** February 5, 2014

**Contact:** Wendy Jacot  
Human Development Commission  
(989) 673-4121 ext. 1721

## **HUNGER HEROES AT WORK IN SANILAC COUNTY**

SANDUSKY, MICHIGAN: The MLK Rise & Shine food drives in Deckerville and Sandusky will benefit families that struggle with hunger in Sanilac County.

Organized by the Human Development Commission, the Rise & Shine food drives collected breakfast foods for local food pantries in January to celebrate the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Hunger Heroes" participating in the MLK food drives included Deckerville High School, Sandusky High School, Deckerville Village Market, Jerry's Foodland in Sandusky, HDC's Foster Grandparent and Retired & Senior Volunteer Programs, and HDC's youth volunteer initiative.

Shoppers at Deckerville Village Market donated 125 breakfast foods such as cereal and oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, and peanut butter and jelly to Project Blessing in Deckerville. At Jerry's Foodland, shoppers gave 90 breakfast items to support HELP, Inc. in Sandusky. High school students from each of the two schools answered Dr. King's question of "*What are you doing for others?*" by collecting ten bags of food for the pantries in Deckerville and Sandusky.

Incorporated in 1965, the Human Development Commission is one of 29 Community Action Agencies in the state of Michigan that care about the entire community and are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013, HDC provided more than 11,000 people with nourishing food, utility assistance, affordable housing, and other needed services.

###