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HDC ORGANIZES FOOD DRIVE TO CELEBRATE MLK DAY

SANDUSKY, MICHIGAN: The Human Development Commission is organizing a Rise & Shine food drive on Saturday, January 18 at Jerry's Foodland in Sandusky and Deckerville Village Market to celebrate MLK Day. Volunteers will collect nonperishable breakfast foods such as cereal and oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, and peanut butter and jelly from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Students from the Sandusky High School and students in grades 7-12 from Deckerville Community Schools will also sponsor in-school Rise & Shine food drives during the week of January 13-17. Breakfast foods from the drives will be collected and distributed to HELP, Inc. in Sandusky and Project Blessing in Deckerville.

“So many food pantries have lots of lunch and dinner-type food items such as tuna, soup, spaghetti, and other casserole ingredients,” explains Lori K. Offenbecher, HDC Executive Director. “Pantries need breakfast foods for families with children, and the Rise & Shine food drive will help feed those who are hungry.”

Volunteers at the Rise & Shine food drives will include HDC Foster Grandparents, HDC Retired & Senior Volunteers, local students, and interested community members.

HDC is continuing its intergenerational volunteer service by celebrating the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, *‘What are you doing for others?’*” For more information on how you can answer this question by being part of the Rise & Shine food drive, contact Steve Jias at 1-800-843-6394 x 1790.

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.

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