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Community Responds Positively to Food Shortage at Kalamazoo Food Banks

Kalamazoo, Mich: Pre-game Pantry Party collected 1, 053 pounds of food and personal items to support local food banks at Kalamazoo Central's homecoming game last week.

Douglass Community Association and Bible Baptist came together to respond to basic need service providers lack of food and personal items by hosting an alcohol free tailgating event in the parking lot of Kalamazoo Central on October 2, 2009. Participants were asked to donate a minimum of five "wish list" items in order to take place in the festivities. Those who donated received free admission and a hot dog dinner. The event was made possible by a "good neighbor grant" from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation and other partnering organizations. All proceeds were donated to Ministry with Community, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission and Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes.

Named after famous African American Frederick Douglass, the Douglass Community Association (DCA) was founded in 1919. Today the DCA strives to be a center of diverse activities and services to enhance the quality of life on the north-side and greater Kalamazoo community residents. DCA's mission is to provide quality comprehensive health and human services, and recreational activities, through collaboration and partnerships with other individuals and organizations.

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