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Douglass Community Association and Bible Baptist Church Host Pre-Game Pantry Party

Kalamazoo, Mich: The Douglass Community Association and Bible Baptist Church are pleased to announce "Pre-Game Pantry Party", a tailgating event to support Kalamazoo's basic need service providers through canned good entry fees. The event takes place on Friday, October 2, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Kalamazoo Central High School, 2432 N. Drake Road-Kalamazoo.

Many basic need service providers are ere experiencing a great increase in the number of people needing service. We invite individuals and families to help stock the pantries of those organizations by bringing a minimum of five "wish list" items per person to the event and join the community in friendly pre-game tailgating festivities at Kalamazoo Central's homecoming game.

Common "wish list items" include: canned meats, macaroni and cheese, canned and dry beans, spaghetti sauce, hearty soups, 100% juice, and trial size toiletries. All food donations will be distributed among Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, and Ministry with Community.

Participants will receive a hot dog dinner and half off ticket prices (\$2.50 per person) or free admission with 10 canned goods to the homecoming game against the Sturgis Trojans for their donations. This event was made possible by a "good neighbor grant" from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation and other partnering organizations. If you can not make it to the event but would like to donate to the cause; please drop off your donations at the Douglass Community Association. For more information or questions regarding the "Pre-Game Pantry Party" event, contact Michelle Sears at (269) 343-6185, or by e-mail at m.sears@douglasscommunity.org.

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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