

# GLEANERS

## 2016 C.A.R.E. PANTRY PROGRAM

(Community Action Relief Effort)



Last year former Indianapolis Public Safety Director Troy Riggs outlined a visionary, analytical review of public safety and quality of life. He understands that hunger is at the foundation of many social issues, including crime. His report showed that many of the offenses are committed to raise money to obtain food. This understanding compelled Gleaners to develop an education and engagement program to address the hunger issue in each of the six “focus areas.”

Working in conjunction in 2016 with now Indianapolis Police Chief Troy Riggs, IMPD, IFD and IEMS along with other Public Safety departments, Gleaners will again, once a week, provide a mobile food pantry that will move between various locations in each of the designated “focus area” neighborhoods providing access to as many community members as possible.

The focus areas are: 16<sup>th</sup> and Tibbs, 29<sup>th</sup> and MLK, 34<sup>th</sup> and Illinois, 38<sup>th</sup> and Sherman, 42<sup>nd</sup> and Post and New York and Sherman.

The mobile pantry distribution will be manned by Gleaners’ staff, volunteers and local law enforcement departments to once again provide the officers an opportunity to build goodwill among the people living in the neighborhoods while at the same time addressing the hunger issue. Gleaners will stock the mobile pantries with an emphasis on nutritious foods (foods to encourage like fresh produce and protein).

New this year is the inclusion of outreach services such as mental health information, mobile health clinics and other community wellness organizations coming together to make information and help available to the shoppers we serve at the Mobile Pantries.

Ensuring that no child goes to bed hungry is the single greatest investment we can make in building prosperous, healthy and stable communities. Addressing hunger with nutritious food must be a part of the foundation of any crime reduction strategy.

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