

Promoting a Hunger-Free Community Since 1982

March 2, 2016

Vicksburg Community Schools 301 South Kalamazoo St. Vicksburg, MI 49097

Dear Superintendent Charles Glaes:

Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes has selected the Kalamazoo County School Districts working to address the summer nutrition needs of children as this year's recipient of The **Marcia Jackson Hunger Advocacy Award**. All seven school districts participating in the expansion of the Summer Food Service Program are being recognized for their outstanding achievements.

We will be celebrating all of the KLF award recipients during a Community Celebration. You are invited to attend on Thursday, March 24th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum 230 N Rose St, Kalamazoo, MI 49003.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter that has been sent out the Food & Nutrition Director for your record. We are encouraging each participating school districts to invite their Food & Nutrition Director and one or two direct service staff. Please R.S.V.P to Cherise Buchanan, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 269-488-2617 ext. 209 or email Cherise@kzoolf.org by March 18, 2016.

Sincerely,

Jennifer E. Johnson

Executive Director



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Dear Maureen Ouvrey:

Congratulations! Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes (KLF) would like to recognize the outstanding contributions you have made in serving hungry people in our community. The **Marcia Jackson Hunger Advocacy Award** recognizes contributions in the following areas:

- Efforts that broaden the community's awareness of local hunger and, where possible, includes an opportunity for personal participation in addressing local hunger issues
- Developing innovative solutions to address the complex needs of hunger
- Commitment of efforts to address local hunger
- Ability to stretch limited resources

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