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UNITED WAY DISTRIBUTES \$147,000 FEMA GRANT

21 NON-PROFITS TO HELP LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH EMERGENCY NEEDS

JACKSON, MI (June 14, 2010) - United Way of Jackson County has awarded nearly \$147,000 (\$146,532) in federal funds from the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, better known as FEMA. The emergency funding is to help support the food and shelter programs in high need areas around the country. This is the same level of funding as received in last year's grant, and acknowledges the continuing need for food and shelter among Jackson County residents.

Funding was distributed to twenty one local non-profits based on proposals submitted and reviewed by a local board of Jackson County residents. This board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

The FEMA dollars were distributed to the following Jackson County organizations:

- The Salvation Army \$49,000
- Community Action Agency \$30,000
- AWARE, Inc. \$13,000
- Jackson Interfaith Shelter \$10,000
- Jackson Child Care Center \$8,000
- Trinity Wesleyan Church \$5,000

• Francis Street Food Pantry	\$5,000
• Christ Kingdom Ministries Food Pantry	\$5,000
• St. Vincent de Paul Queen's Church	\$4,000
• St. Vincent de Paul St. Mary's Church	\$2,500
• Wayne St. Church of Christ	\$2,500
• City of Zion Food Pantry	\$2,000
• St. Vincent de Paul St. John's Church	\$2,000
• Grace Haven Center	\$1,500
• St. Vincent de Paul St. Joseph's Church	\$1,000
• First Church of the Nazarene	\$1,000
• Cascade Elementary School PTO	\$1,000
• New Life Worship Center	\$1,000
• Do' Chas II	\$1,000
• North Parma United Methodist Church	\$1,000
• American Red Cross	\$ 500

“The board takes very seriously their responsibility to get these funds to organizations that can best help people in crisis. And our job was tougher than ever this year,” said Ron MacDonald, retired lieutenant from the Michigan State Police and Red Cross representative on the FEMA board. “Needs are clearly increasing here in Jackson, and other critical public funding is being reduced.” Total requests for funding exceeded the available dollars by over \$153,000.

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