



# The Daily Gatherer



More than 24 million pounds of food rescued since 1988!

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## 2nd Annual Circle of Art: Small Art for a Big Cause



Mae's First Carrots by John Copley from Circle of Art 2005

In 2005, the folks at Saline Picture Frame Co. planted the seeds for an event that would not only support the creative work of area artists but provide an opportunity to give back to the community. According to owner Peter Bowe, "At the end of 2004, after totaling our contributions for the year, we decided to try a different approach. Rather than responding to every small request, we would focus our charitable efforts and try to have a more substantial impact. We liked the idea of a circle: reaching out to a circle of artists and patrons to help recycle resources back into the community." As a result of their enthusiasm and hard work, 192 artists responded to the call for small works of art. A total of 312 pictures were included in the show; upwards of 300 people attended a gala party; and \$10,000 was raised to help feed those in need in Washtenaw County!

And it's come full circle again. From May 1<sup>st</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, donated works of art will be on display and open for bid at the Saline Picture Frame Co. located at 7641 N. Ann Arbor Street in Saline. The collected works will be auctioned off at a gala party on May 21<sup>st</sup> where the public can mingle with the artists and continue to place bids with all proceeds benefiting Food Gatherers.

Please join the circle by visiting Saline Picture Framing Company and bidding on a small work of art for a big cause. Artists interested in joining the circle can find information and a registration form at [www.salinepictureframe.com](http://www.salinepictureframe.com) or by calling 734-429-3352. Deadline for submissions is May 1st.

### Letter Carriers' Food Drive 2006



On May 13th, 2006, the National Association of Letter Carriers will hold its 14th annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. You can help by placing food donations in a bag next to your mailbox, and participating letter carriers will collect these items for Food Gatherers. Last year, more than 49,800 pounds were collected in Ann Arbor, Saline and Ypsilanti. For more info: [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org)

### Rotary Food Drive

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor will hold its 2nd annual summer canned food drive—Rotate Your Food—in businesses throughout the community from June 5<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Last June, Rotarians collected more than two tons of food for Food Gatherers! To find out where to drop off donations, please visit [www.annarborrotary.org](http://www.annarborrotary.org)

Thanks to Rotary for their continuing commitment to service above self in our community.



## Community Support Day at Whole Foods Market to Benefit Food Gatherers on June 1st

For more than a decade, our friends at Whole Foods Market located at 3135 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor have been true blue supporters of the local fight against hunger. From Community Support Days and weekly food donations to joining the fun as an annual Grillin' sponsor, Whole Foods goes the extra mile in giving back to the community. This year, Whole Foods helps cast a spotlight on local hunger on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, with five percent of purchases made on that day benefiting Food Gatherers.

The timing for Community Support Day for Food Gatherers couldn't be better as the first activity in a series of June events highlighting the ongoing need to tackle the issue of local hunger. From National Hunger Awareness Day on June 6<sup>th</sup> to Grillin' for Food Gatherers on June 11<sup>th</sup>, Community Support Day at Whole Foods offers an additional opportunity for the community to get involved, get some shopping done and help make healthy, nutritious food available to those in Washtenaw County who face hunger every day.



## National Hunger Awareness Day is June 6th

National Hunger Awareness Day is an effort to raise awareness of—and donations to help end—hunger in America. To find out how you can join in the efforts, and to read the recently released "Hunger in America 2006", please visit [www.hungerday.org](http://www.hungerday.org)

