

*Harbor Country Progress Members Volunteer at
“Feed the Children”*

President Obama has said, “We are the people we have been waiting for” and has encouraged volunteerism in this special time. As an organization, Harbor Country Progress is committed to supporting the President’s agenda and to do work that benefits our community.

As part of this commitment, 14 members of Harbor Country Progress volunteered at the Feed the Children Distribution center in Elkhart, IN on Tuesday, April 7. The group was organized by HCP member, Diane DeWitt. Volunteers worked on an assembly line filling boxes for a shipment sponsored by the Detroit Pistons. In 2 hours we packed 240 boxes of items that will be shipped to 60,000 needy Michigan families. It was physically challenging and required a lot of coordination ... as we all learned as we sometimes fell behind. But the work was gratifying and for a great cause. As one of the volunteers noted “It was a good day in so many ways...a day of caring and sharing.” Another noted: “I’m tired, but thankful for the opportunity to do some good for others.”

Feed The Children is one of the world's largest private organizations dedicated to helping hungry and hurting people. Last year, they shipped 135 million pounds of food and other essentials to children and families in all 50 states and in 32 foreign countries.

The heart of Feed The Children's U.S. program is distributing food to families in need. To do this, they work closely with corporate partners that donate surplus food and other supplies, as well as with individual donors who help defray the cost of transporting the product donations.

The Elkhart facility serves the Great Lakes States and organizes frequent shipments to Michigan. In addition to the Pistons project that we participated in, Feed the Children and Whirlpool teamed up recently to provide 2 semis full of food for the migrant workers in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties.

Harbor Country Progress offers many opportunities to volunteer. Please watch our website harborcountryprogress.com to find ways you can help your community, state and country.

Or, stop by the Progress Center at 16142 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier, MI. We’re open weekends starting May 2.

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