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Gleaners, Forgotten Harvest win donations from J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation

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The **J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation** is putting \$5 million behind an effort to fight hunger in 19 U.S. cities, including Detroit, marking the largest-ever corporation donation to the food bank and rescue association **Feeding America**.

Locally, the foundation's grant money will fund two, new food delivery trucks to Oak Park-based food rescue **Forgotten Harvest** and one to the Detroit-based **Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan**.

As part of the donations, Chase is providing funds to cover the costs of operating the trucks for the next year and providing **United Parcel Service Inc.** delivery and pickup routing software to each food bank and food rescue for use with their entire truck fleets.

In total, the donation will fund the purchase of 34 trucks to food banks or rescues in 19 communities hit hardest by the recession. Aside from Detroit, they are: Atlanta; Dallas; Denver; Ft. Worth; Houston; Indianapolis; Jacksonville; Los Angeles; Mesa, Ariz.; Miami; Milwaukee; New Orleans; Newark; Orlando; Phoenix; Seattle; Tampa and Wilmington, Del.

With the new trucks, the food organizations will be able to transport up to 1.5 million pounds of food or 1.17 million additional meals each

year.

J.P. Morgan Chase has given nearly \$9 million to help food bank and hunger related programs over the past 10 years, not including this donation to Feeding America

The J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation has been focused more on community development and education for the past several years, said Mary Kay Bean, senior communications manager for Chase in Michigan.

“But we wanted to do more for the community in the area of hunger because we realize there is such significant need right now.”

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