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Michigan Sugar partners with United Way, donates 6,600 pounds of sugar to local food banks

BAY CITY – **Michigan Sugar Company** this week continued its partnership with **United Way of Bay County** to distribute approximately 6,600 pounds of sugar for use by 43 local food banks throughout the fall.

“Michigan Sugar is proud to help area food banks with a sugar donation several times each year, with a focus on holiday seasons that increase demand on food banks regionwide,” said **Ray VanDriessche**, community and government relations director for **Michigan Sugar**. “Michigan Sugar Company’s employees and our 1,100 farmer-owners are committed to giving back to communities throughout the growing region, and this fall’s sugar donation is one way we can help.”

“As we assist food banks to prepare for an increase in demand around the holidays, United Way of Bay County truly appreciates the partnership of Michigan Sugar and many others throughout the region to help families in need,” said **Archie Gittins**, AFL-CIO Community Services Director with **United Way of Bay County**. “United Way looks forward to assisting more than 40 food banks regionwide, with help from today’s donation by Michigan Sugar Company.”

The sugar donation will benefit food banks spanning Bay, Saginaw, Arenac, Midland and Tuscola Counties, providing 100 two-pound bags of sugar to each partnering food bank. The food banks will then directly distribute sugar to local families.

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