

Friends of Swoop's

Fall 2018



Upcoming Events

November/December

Annual Thanksgiving and Holiday Baskets

Each year, Swoop's provides 50 Thanksgiving baskets and 50 Holiday baskets to students thanks to generous donations from our EMU faculty, staff and community partners. If you are interested in donating to Thanksgiving baskets, please follow [this link](#) to sign up. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, please follow [this link](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at swoopspantry@emich.edu or call (734) 487-4173. Thanks so much for your generous donations to this project. It helps so many students have happy celebrations with their family and friends.



Kroger Grant



Swoop's Food Pantry recently celebrated its 3rd anniversary of being open to the EMU community. This new school year is proving to be our busiest year yet. In fact, in September 2017 we had 117 people who had filled out our intake form, and this September we had 190 people. Some days, we have a hard time keeping enough food on the shelves. That is why we are so happy to have a new partnership with Kroger. In September, Kroger awarded Swoop's Food Pantry a \$20,000 grant to help fill the shelves. How did this happen you may ask? One of the things we love about Swoop's is the interesting way things develop and how collaborations start. We

have a new Advisory Board member, Mary Jane Fallot from University Advising and Career Development Center, who invited area Chamber of Commerce leaders to tour the pantry, Ron Hinrichs was one of those people. He connected us with Corporate Affairs Manager, Rachel Hurst, at Kroger who invited us to write a grant proposal, and they awarded us \$20,000. We have already started using that generous donation to purchase food for the pantry. Some of the things we purchase weekly are milk, eggs, cheese, butter, condiments, and bread. We are so grateful to Kroger for helping us continue to provide shoppers with healthy food that helps keep them in class and prepared to work hard to earn their degrees. "Students experiencing food insecurity have a harder time learning and studying," said Dr. Paul Leighton, an EMU professor in Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology. "The generous grant from Kroger will help students focus on their classes and will

allow Swoop's Pantry to expand its efforts to address related issues – such as housing insecurity - that are also barriers to educational success and graduation."

Thank you Kroger!

College Food Drives helps Swoop's Start The New Year!

This year, the College of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, and the College of Health and Human Services all participated in a friendly competition to help Swoop's Food Pantry. These drives are held during each college's fall meeting. Members of different departments compete to see who can collect the most items for Swoop's. This year the winners from each college were:

Chemistry and Sociology,
Anthropology and Criminology
from CAS
Teacher Education from COE
Management from COB
School of Social Work from CHHS



A huge thanks to all of the departments for donating so many items -- it kept the shelves stocked for weeks!

Swoop's Supporters

Eagle Nutrition Services

Swoop's Food Pantry is proud to announce our revitalized partnership with the Office of Nutrition's Eagle Nutrition Services. Eagle Nutrition Services offers a range of services such as body composition testing, nutrition analysis, nutrition counseling and more that can be seen on their [official page](#). Our shared interest in maintaining students' well-being has led to their generous contribution of 50 first-time visit vouchers to Swoop's shoppers who have indicated interest for their services. As we continue our mission to provide EMU students with resources for success in college we look forward to provide students with an additional on-campus resource to make better decisions for their physical health to positively impact their college experience.



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Thank you for your continued support! If you know other people who may be interested in receiving Swoop's newsletter, please feel free to share this with them or put them in touch with us!

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734-487-4173

Or visit us in person:
104 Pierce Hall

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Thank you for helping us fill our shelves! Because of your generosity, our "most needed items" list has changed. Please see below for what Swoop's needs most at this time!

- Canned Fruit
- Rice Sides
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Pet food
- Snacks (pretzels, nuts, chips etc.)
- Soup (Cream of mushroom, vegetarian, beef soups)
- Toothpaste
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo and Lotion

[Click here to make a monetary donation](#)

Be on the lookout for our December newsletter!

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