



## Friends of Swoop's

December 2018



### Upcoming events

**Blues and Brews with Thornetta Davis, December 22 8 PM,**

Holiday Inn Ann Arbor  
3600 Plymouth Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
Do you enjoy Blues and/or Brews? Join in a night of holiday celebration with local blues artist Thornetta Davis on Saturday, December 22 at 8:00 PM. The cover charge will be \$10, and the proceeds will be donated to assist Swoop's Food Pantry.

### Drake's Article

Since Swoop's opened in September 2015, Drake's Batter Mix Company has generously donated their pancake batter and fry mix to our students. Both Lou and Julie are alumni of Eastern Michigan University and feel proud to be able to break down barriers for students

earning their degree at EMU. Not only have they generously kept our shelves stocked with their products, but each year they donate five full Thanksgiving baskets. We love that they have become part of the Swoop's family and hope they know that they are appreciated!



### Thanksgiving Basket 2018 Recap

Every Thanksgiving, Swoop's distributes 50 Thanksgiving baskets for student shoppers. Baskets contain all the essentials to put together a great Thanksgiving dinner. The Swoop's team and volunteers

met in the beautiful Dietetics and Nutrition demonstration kitchen on November 16, with all of the generous donations. Scarlett, one of Swoop's team members, whipped up her delicious hot chocolate to greet the recipients, and we assembled and distributed the baskets.



We asked recipients if they would write a short note sharing what the basket means to them or what they plan on doing with their basket. The responses ranged from providing food assistance during a tight time for family

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finances, allowing a family to have their own dinner rather than splitting a meal with another family, and providing students who were unable to return home for the holiday to spend it with their friends on campus. It's hard to convey what this meant to those who received a basket. They were relieved, grateful and left with big smiles on their faces. Thanks to you all for your generous support in helping to make these students' holiday happy!

## Swoop's Supporters

### St. Luke's Episcopal Church

On October 21, our Graduate Assistant spoke to the congregation at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, in Downtown Ypsilanti. St. Luke's has been a big supporter of Swoop's Pantry, and the church is always eager to donate food, personal hygiene items and more. We are always excited to receive a visit from the Rector of the church, Reverend Dr. JoAnn Kennedy Slater. JoAnn was ordained in December of 1994, and has served as the 23rd Rector at St. Luke's for a little over 17 years now. As an Episcopal Church, St. Luke's "strive to love our neighbors as ourselves and respect the dignity of every person."

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**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2019**

### 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
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Pet food
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Ramen
- Toothbrushes
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Condiments

**Be on the lookout for our February newsletter!**

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