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Local BMV office holding food drive for Shared Harvest

HAMILTON, OHIO – A worsening economy coupled with last month’s extended power outage caused by the wind storm has left food banks stretched to the limit. In an effort to help Butler County’s Shared Harvest Foodbank replenish its shelves, the North Brookwood office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Hamilton is participating in the Ohio BMV and Deputy Registrars’ 2008 Fall Food Drive.

All food and money collected locally during the drive, which runs through Dec. 1, will be directed to Shared Harvest, said Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds, deputy registrar of the West Side office, located at 138 North Brookwood Drive.

“A donation box is set up in the BMV office for our employees and customers who want to donate,” Reynolds said. “It is completely voluntary but the food and money will be put to good use by Shared Harvest.”

According to the state Bureau of Motor Vehicles, a donation of \$1 buys two meals and one pound of food equals one meal. The most needed items are canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruit, grains (oatmeal, boxed pasta or rice), peanut butter, complete meals (canned beef, chicken, stew or ravioli), cereal and macaroni and cheese.

Office hours at 138 North Brookwood are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday; and 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday. For more information, call (513) 737-8262.