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Liberty Coins Sponsors “Cans For Quarters” To Support Greater Lansing Food Bank

When the new Michigan State Quarter is released on January 26, Liberty Coin Service in Lansing will commemorate the historic coin by giving away thousands of them to people who bring non-perishable food donations to its store in the Frandor Shopping Center. Immediately following the ceremony at the State Capitol for the release of the Michigan State Quarter, a number of area civic, business, and government leaders are being invited to kick off the “Cans For Quarters” program to support the Greater Lansing Food Bank, which will continue until the Florida quarter is released in March.

Said Patrick A. Heller, owner of Liberty Coin Service, “When we did a smaller-scale Foodraiser upon the release of the first state quarter in 1999, donors brought in several thousand pounds of food donations. This time our goal is to raise at least ten tons of donations. Each person can bring in up to four cans or other non-perishable foods and we will give them a quarter for each one. If they would rather donate cash, we will give them a quarter for every fifty cents they bring to our store to donate to the Food Bank. Those bringing in food or cash donations to our store will also be eligible for a drawing for a variety of prizes and surprises, including a U.S. \$10.00 National Currency note issued over 70 years ago for The Capital National Bank of Lansing (one of the forerunners of what became Michigan National Bank, now part of Standard Federal Bank) and bearing the printed signature of bank president R. E. Olds.”

Said Sharon Krinock, who coordinates food drives for the Greater Lansing Food Bank, “We were thrilled when Liberty Coins contacted us about doing the Foodraiser again. The timing is perfect, as the start of the year is normally a slow time for donations.”

The Michigan Quarter is scheduled for public release on January 26. At least one and perhaps several other coin dealers in Michigan will also be giving out Michigan Quarters for food donations to their local food bank.

Liberty Coin Service, located in the Frandor Shopping Center in Lansing, was founded in 1971 and is Michigan’s largest rare coin and precious metals dealership. Owner Patrick A. Heller was Chair of the Michigan State Numismatic Society 2004 Michigan Quarter Design Committee and was also a member of the Michigan Quarter Commission appointed by former Governor John Engler to work on the design of the Michigan Quarter.

The Greater Lansing Food Bank, established in 1981, is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to tens of thousands of individuals and families in need through an extensive network of food pantries and community kitchens located throughout the greater Lansing area, including Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties.