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## **“Cans For Quarters”—Over 4,000 Pounds Of Food And \$5,000 In Cash Contributions So Far! Idea Spreads To Other Cities!**

The Greater Lansing Food Bank has already taken delivery of more than 4,000 pounds of food and over \$5,000 in cash contributions by the mid-point of Liberty Coin’s “Cans For Quarters” food drive.

Said Patrick A. Heller, owner of Liberty Coin Service, “Since the Michigan Quarter debuted on January 26, thousands of people have come to our store with their donations and received free quarters. Many have told me that they would rather receive a quarter for donating to the Food Bank than go to the bank to get the coins at face value! At times there were so many contributors that they couldn’t all fit in our store! Part of the fun for our visitors is the opportunity to see special exhibits of historic Lansing paper money and 1837-dated coins and currency (the year Michigan attained statehood).”

For non-perishable food donations, Liberty Coins is giving donors an uncirculated 2004 Michigan Quarter for each of the first four items. People may also contribute cash and receive a Michigan Quarter for each fifty cents donated. “Cans For Quarters” will continue through April 3.

In addition, donors are eligible to enter a drawing to win some unique prizes such as a Series 1929 U.S. \$10.00 National Currency Note issued by The Capital National Bank of Lansing that bears the printed signature of Oldsmobile founder R.E. Olds as bank president. Another prize is a nice uncirculated 1936 Cleveland-Great Lakes Exposition Commemorative Half Dollar—the first U.S. coin to depict a map of the state of Michigan.

The concept of “Cans For Quarters” has spread elsewhere in Michigan. Brighton Coins in Brighton gave away Michigan Quarters to those who brought in contributions for the Livingston County Food Bank. In Battle Creek, collectors Al and Ann Bobrofsky are working with their local food bank to provide Michigan Quarters to donors.

Liberty Coin Service, in the Standard Federal Bank Building at Frandor in Lansing, was established in 1971. It is Michigan’s largest rare coins and precious metals bullion dealership. Owner Patrick A. Heller was appointed by former Governor John Engler to the Michigan Quarter Commission 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. It works through a network of food pantries and community kitchens throughout the greater Lansing area, including Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties.

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