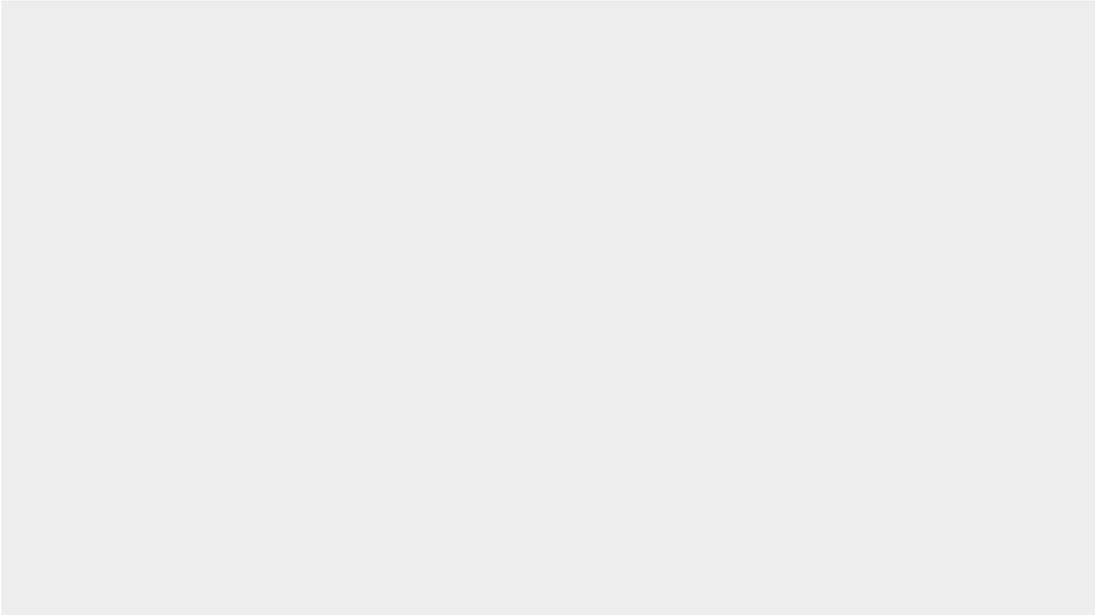


# Zhang Financial announces yearly donation of \$30K to Bread of Life Food Bank

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*Catholic Charities' Bread of Life Food Bank received a yearly \$30,000 donation from Zhang Financial that they will use to expand their program across southwest Michigan. (Mike Hartwigsen, Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo)*



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PORTAGE, Mich. — Portage's Zhang Financial has announced they are donating \$30,000 yearly to the Bread of Life Food Bank, run by Catholic Charities.

Brought together through News Channel 3's Tackling Hunger campaign, the goal of the donation is to help families in need of food service in the community, according to organizers.

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"Food is security and access to healthy food comes before anything else," Lynn Chen-Zhang, CEO of Zhang Financial, said. "For a community to be healthy and to be a great

community, we need to solve this problem first."

Bread of Life Food Bank serves nine counties in Southwest Michigan.

With Thursday's donation, the bank plans to expand their program into more counties, and include what Toni Newell, Executive Director of Catholic Services, calls "mini food banks."

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"We are going to be able to expand our programming," Newell told News Channel 3. "Currently, we primarily have certain areas that we are serving, but through support like this we're able to develop new partnerships and reach new individuals across southwest Michigan."

Zhang said they want to keep the donation going for as long as the program is active.

Catholic Charities' Bread of Life Food Bank was established in March 2020.