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# News

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# Township employees' charitable giving exceeds \$30,000

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — As 2014 rounds to a close, the tally of year-round monetary donations to charitable organizations by township employees exceeded \$30,000, not including donations of food items throughout the year.

Supervisor Rick Stathakis said many of the donations were done anonymously by those looking to give back individually to the community. He congratulated township employees on delivering good service, as well as going above and beyond for the community they serve.

Shelby Township Firefighters Local 1338 hosted its 24th annual Red Hot Night in February, which raised more than \$13,500 for the Great Lakes Burn Camp. The camp provides a unique experience that promotes healing, self-esteem, confidence and general well-being for burn-injured children.

Including contributions from the Shelby Township Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, the Parks and Recreation Committee and local schools, the firefighters local also collected more than \$6,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during the

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annual Fill-the-Boot Campaign Nov. 28-29, as well as more than \$7,000 for the Children's Hospital of Michigan at a golf outing.

The Shelby Township Police Officers Association assisted disadvantaged families during its annual Shop with a Cop program.

It also contributed, collected and delivered donations of MP3 players, iTunes gift cards and other items to help wounded soldiers through their healing processes at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The International Union UAW Local 1777, representing the township's general employees, gave more than \$1,500 to organizations including the Knights of Columbus, St. Lawrence, the MIU Men's Health Organization, the American Cancer Society, the Thin Blue Line of Michigan and Sharing.Org. The union also supplied 132 gift boxes to underprivileged children.

Shelby TV donated \$2,500 to the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, which offers art exhibitions, classes, outreach programs, community involvement projects and the Arts and Apples Festival.

Throughout the month of November, the Human Resource Department hosted a food drive, and employees donated more than 330 nonperishable food items to Forgotten Harvest.

"It is an honor to work with such giving people," Stathakis said. "You couldn't ask for a better team."

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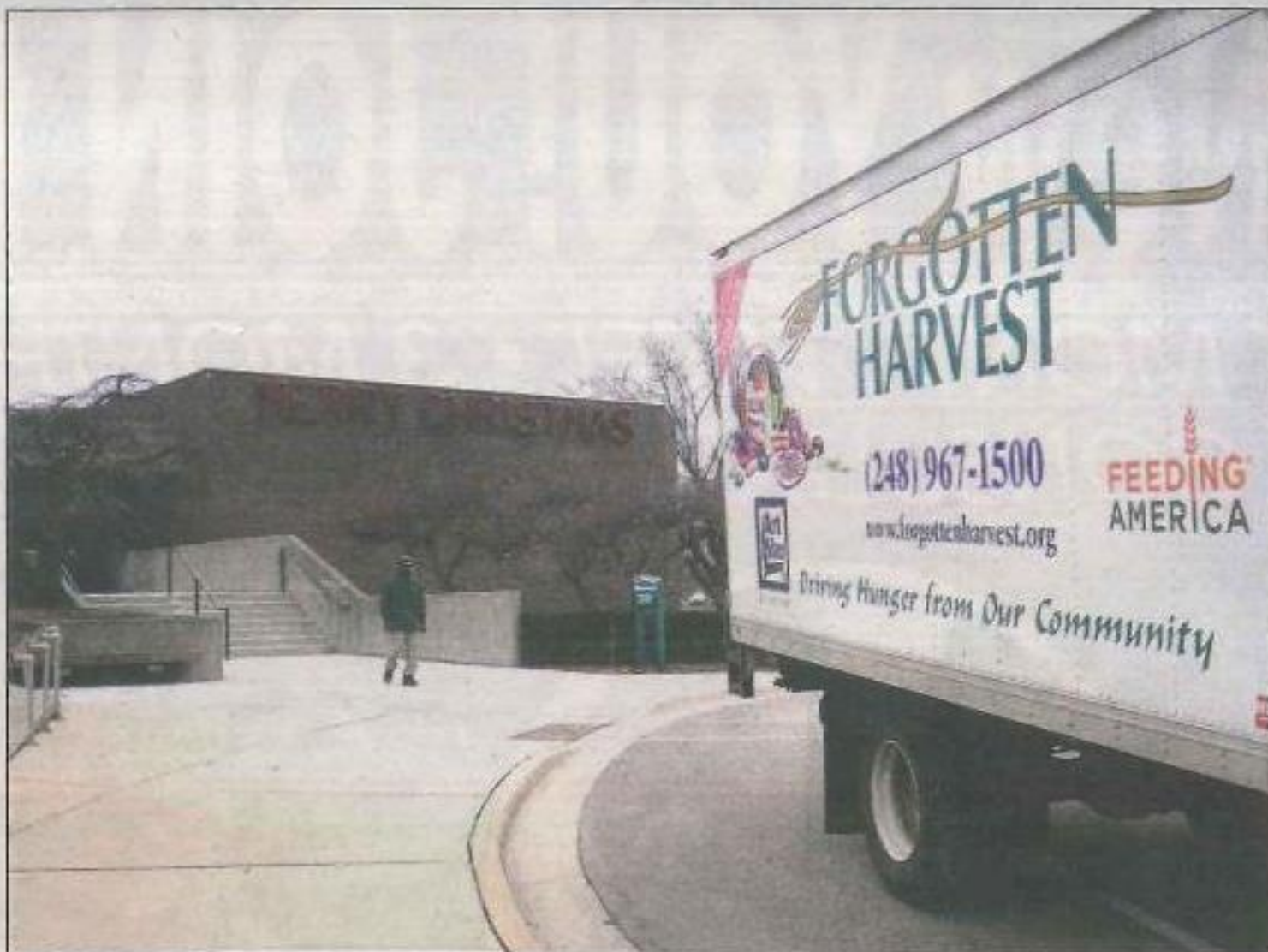


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**A Forgotten Harvest truck sits outside the Shelby Township municipal building to pick up more than 330 nonperishable food items collected in a food drive coordinated by the Human Resources Department during the month of November.**



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