

## CHARITABLE CAUSES

■ **Kroger** announced it will contribute one 24-ounce loaf of Kroger WhiteButtercrust Bread to **The Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club program** for every loaf customers purchase in February at metro-area stores. The grocery chain is teaming up with radio station WQMC-FM (104.3) and the Dick Puritan Radiothon to benefit The Salvation Army program. For more information, visit [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com).

■ **Cell Phones For Soldiers** and the Detroit area Brookdale Senior Living communities are calling on all Americans to support these brave men and women by donating an unused cell phone. Local residents can support the collection drive by donating their phones at any area Brookdale Senior Living community through Feb. 28. Visit [www.brookdaleliving.com](http://www.brookdaleliving.com) for locations.

■ **Hospitality House Food Pantry** needs nonperishable breakfast food items. Donations will be accepted throughout February at Mini Storage Depot, 46550 Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. For more information, call 248-438-8413.

■ **The Two Men and a Truck** franchise in Wixom is accepting gently worn clothing for donation to **HAND, the Homeless Action Network of Detroit**. Two Men and a Truck will be on hand to collect clothing donated by theatergoers attending "Unheard Voices" Friday through Feb. 28 in the Fountain Lounge on McNichols Campus, 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit. Those attending the Saturday and Feb. 28 performances will receive free admission with the donation of gently worn clothing on a hanger. Clothes can also be donated at the Two Men and a Truck franchise located at 29445 Beck Road, Ste. A-101 in Wixom through March 5. For ticket information on Unheard Voices, call the university theater box office at 313-993-3270 or visit [www.twomenandatruck.com](http://www.twomenandatruck.com).

■ **Mark Bejani cancer benefit** is 6 p.m. Monday at Lelli's, 885 N. Opdyke, Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner, entertainment, live auction, 50/50 raffle and cash bar. For more information, call 248-820-1378.

■ **IHOP restaurants** nationwide and Children's Miracle Network is having its annual National Pancake Day on Tuesday. IHOP will give guests one free short stack of its signature

buttermilk pancakes from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at its more than 1,400 restaurants throughout the United States. In return, IHOP asks that guests make a voluntary donation to support local children's hospitals through **Children's Miracle Network** and other local charities. For more information, visit [www.IHOPPancakeDay.com](http://www.IHOPPancakeDay.com).

■ **Rochester Table Tennis Club** is hosting a fundraiser to benefit **unemployed Michigan workers and their families** at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at Hart Middle School, 6500 Sheldon Road, Rochester Hills. For information, visit [www.rochestermetabletennis.com/charity](http://www.rochestermetabletennis.com/charity).

■ **The Champions for Life group** of the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center is hosting a fundraiser to help subsidize medical and daily living expenses of oncology patients at 6:30 p.m. Friday at 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. The event features a package raffle, casino games, strolling dinner, open bar and more. Food will be provided by area restaurants. Tickets are \$75 per person. For information, call 313-343-7480.

■ **Coin Wars and Give a Buck for a Truck** are two new fundraising programs designed to run in conjunction with the 23rd Annual Dick Puritan Radiothon, a joint effort by Dick Puritan and Puritan's People, WQMC-FM (104.3) and **The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit**. The 23rd Annual Dick Puritan Radiothon will broadcast live from the Oakland Mall in Troy from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. With Coin Wars, participating schools will collect spare change from students, staff and teachers. Give a Buck for a Truck allows schools to sell \$1 "Truck Bucks" in school stores, study halls and at school events. Donations may be made by calling 248-307-1043 or visiting [www.wqmc.com](http://www.wqmc.com).

■ **Angel Kisses** will host its second annual fundraiser 4-8 p.m. Saturday at Woody's Diner, 208 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. The event includes a silent auction and raffles. Woody's Diner also will donate 20 percent of food and beverage sales during the event to benefit **A Child Remembered Program** at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. For more information, visit [www.angelkisses.org](http://www.angelkisses.org).

■ **Walled Lake Western High School** will have its 30th-annu-

al **Volleyball Marathon** from 2 p.m. Saturday through 10 a.m. Feb. 28 to benefit nonprofit organization **Camp Casey**, a horseback riding program for kids with cancer. Students must find people to sponsor them as they bump through 20 hours of volleyball matches. When students are not playing volleyball, other diversions include live music, massage therapy and more.

■ **Oakland County 4-H Fair Association** fourth annual **Fiesta Fundraiser and silent auction** is 5-9 p.m. Feb. 27 at Springfield Oaks Activity Center, an Oakland County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. Proceeds will help replace premium money lost to exhibitors by state budget cuts. Admission is \$8 per person and includes dinner. There is also

a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, games and more. Call 248-634-8830 or e-mail [info@oakfair.org](mailto:info@oakfair.org).

■ **Assistance League of Southeastern League** is partnering with Kruse & Muer restaurants to present "Dining For Dollars" on the first Monday of every month beginning March 1. Patrons dining at any of the six area restaurants can present a flyer to have 10 percent of your food and beverage total donated to Assistance League. Flyers can be printed from [www.semich.assistanceleague.org](http://www.semich.assistanceleague.org) or call 248-656-0414 for where to obtain a flyer. For restaurant locations, visit [www.kruseandmuerrestaurants.com](http://www.kruseandmuerrestaurants.com).

■ **The fifth annual Charity Ball for the Waterford Fire and Police Departments** will

be 6 p.m.-midnight March 6 at White Lake Oaks, 991 North Williams Lake Road in White Lake Township. Tickets are \$60 per person. Proceeds benefit the departments' benevolent funds. Call 248-618-7560.

■ **Annual spring event for Yad Ezra's Lunch Assistance Program** for day-school children of low income families is 8 p.m. March 6 at Yad Ezra, 2850 W 11 Mile Road, Berkley. Cost is \$50 to attend and \$50 buy-in required for poker. Call 248-548-3663 or visit [yadezra.org](http://yadezra.org).

■ **Detroit's Academy of Country Music Singer/Songwriter Ashley Allyson** is calling upon local music stores, radio and TV stations, and the public to donate gently used musical instruments for use

by the military stationed overseas. Donations will be accepted at an office space in Walled Lake. Companies that can help provide shipping are needed. Call 877-266-6555 for an appointment to drop off instruments. Visit [ashleyallyson.com](http://ashleyallyson.com) for more information.

■ **The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division** launched **Coat Catch**, an online game to raise funds for the metropolitan Detroit area. The game is live at [www.salarmyincatch.com](http://www.salarmyincatch.com) and can be played and shared on Twitter and Facebook.

Send "Charitable Causes" to: The Oakland Press, 418 W. Huron, Pontiac 48342; fax 248-332-8885; or e-mail [kathy.blake@oakpress.com](mailto:kathy.blake@oakpress.com).

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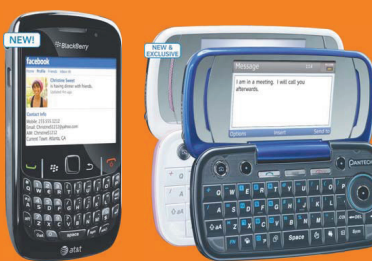
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