

Area restaurants pledge to join fight against hunger

Restaurants, cafes and eateries across Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties are joining The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts this month in a benefit called Fork It Over for Food.

September is Hunger Action Month. The fundraiser allows diners to contribute a donation of any amount to The Food Bank when they pay their bill. Suggested donation amounts are \$3, \$5, or \$10: \$3 can feed a family of four for

one day, \$5 provides 20 individual meals, and \$10 can provide a family of four with 10 meals. For every \$1 donated through Fork It Over for Food, The Food Bank can provide \$9 worth of food and groceries.

More than 108,000 people suffer from food insecurity in the four counties that The Food Bank serves. Food Bank is a central clearinghouse that distributes food to 400 programs like soup kitchens, pantries and shelters.

About 80 restaurants have

signed on to rally diners to support The Food Bank.

Participating restaurants in Franklin County include Antonio's Pizza, Brad's Place, Bridgeside Grille, Cafe Martin, GoNomad Cafe, Hillside Pizza, Holiday Pizza, Jerry's Place, The People's Pint, The Rendezvous, The West End Pub, Whately Diner and The West End Pub.

For a complete list of region-wide, visit foodbankwma.org/events/ham or call (413) 247-9738.

