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### **Pegasus Taverna Opening Assists Macomb Food Program**

SAINT CLAIR SHORES, Mich. — The Macomb County Food program will receive a welcome boost on Thursday, July 29, 2010, thanks to a generous donation from the new Pegasus restaurant in St. Clair Shores.

As part of the Pegasus restaurant's Nautical Mile opening at Jefferson/10 Mile, a percentage of every meal sold during that day will benefit the food program, which has seen a spike in the need for public assistance during the past few years.

"We are so grateful for the community's support," said Sue Figurski, food coordinator for the Macomb Food Program. "Our program saw a 44-percent increase in requests for emergency food in 2009. So far in 2010, requests have increased an additional 24-percent."

The program operates 55 neighborhood food pantries and provides emergency food service throughout Macomb County, with the average food package sustaining clients between five and seven days.

"We think having the food program benefit from our opening is a meaningful way of saying 'thank you' to the local community for making Pegasus the great tradition it is," said Dimitrios "Jim" Papas, co-owner of Pegasus Taverna. "We're very thankful for its success, and hopefully, this will be the first of many ways in which we express our appreciation."

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