

ROMENCE ROAD FOOD PANTRY AND KALAMAZOO LOAVES AND FISHES

(21 - 9 = 12) On average, people in poverty eat 12 meals per week and have to skip 9 meals per week.

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes has **27 pantries** in Kalamazoo County and Romence Road Food Pantry, which Southridge supports, is the busiest.

From January 2011 - June 2011 Romence Pantry has served 5,768 persons. That is a **21% increase** over the same period in 2010.

117,797 pounds (**59 tons**) of food have been brought into the Romence Pantry so far this year.

August, 2011, was a particularly busy month in the pantry. 1,392 persons representing 399 households were served. That is a 28 percent over August, 2010.

108 wonderful volunteers function in the Romence Pantry so all those people are able to receive all that food.

There are **two issues** in Michigan that are causing great concern to Loaves and Fishes and the pantry volunteers. Starting on October 1st, 2011 there will be a 48-month cap on receiving food stamps and there will be a 20-week maximum on unemployment benefits.

Please **pray** for KLF and the pantries as they anticipate the increases that are sure to come.