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for supporting The Manna Food Project's mission.

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FOOD DONATIONS

Deliver to Manna Food Project
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

MONETARY DONATIONS

Visit www.mannafoodproject.org/how-to-donate.htm to learn the many options

COMPANY MATCHES

Did you know many companies have matching gift programs? Increase your impact by asking your employers if they will match your donation.

SEND A CHECK to Manna Food Project using the envelope provided

TEXT manna to #56651

DONATE ONLINE

www.mannafoodproject.org/donate-online.htm using your credit card

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HOLIDAY 2022

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THANK YOU

FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

November 8 marked one year as Executive Director of this amazing organization, The Manna Food Project. I greatly respect the Northern Michigan community and Manna's incredible support system of dedicated volunteers, donors, staff, and local businesses. Between the responsibilities of a new position, while parenting two teenage boys (and watching all of their games!) with my husband Kendall, I wouldn't change it for the world!

Reflecting on 2022, I've learned so much in one year and recognize how much has changed. Last November, I was blown away by the incredible support. Donations were flowing in daily, food was abundant, and volunteers were here at the drop of a hat. A year has passed, the food supply has dwindled, and donations are down, but thankfully our volunteers are stronger than ever. The USDA food donations have decreased by 40% since last year. Therefore, we have had to purchase 50% more food this year than last.

The people we serve are feeling the pinch, and their paychecks are not going as far as they once did. Food insecurity rates are higher in rural areas than in urban areas. In rural communities, many people lack enough resources to obtain the food they need due to economic instability, financial insecurity, transportation barriers, and limited access to affordable food.

At Manna, we've been expanding our services to some of our region's rural areas to ensure people have easy access to food. Our mobile food pantries have been successful the last few months serving 129 households (an average of 21 households per mobile event). The hope is that by starting mobile food distribution, we'll be able to lessen food insecurity in our rural areas. 12-13% of Emmet, Charlevoix, and Antrim Counties are food insecure. That means over 10,500 people don't know from where their next meal will come. It can happen to anyone...at any time. The cost of living is high, and it continues to rise. Our neighbors are facing the choice between paying bills or buying food. Parents are skipping meals, so their children can eat.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Manna Food Project to feed people in Northern Michigan. Get involved by helping your neighbors in need by donating, fundraising, or volunteering. Ask your business or place of employment to do a food drive or participate in an employee donation match program. Please take action today; *let's fight hunger together.*

— CARRIE KLINGELSMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



FULL CIRCLE OF GIVING

ESSAY FROM THOUGHTFUL BOYNE CITY STUDENT

Here in Northern Michigan, we have a wonderful organization that helps people in our community, the Manna Food Project. Manna provides food to sponsored pantries and people in the Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet County areas.

Here at Boyne City Middle School, we get food deliveries from kind volunteers a few times a month. That food is taken down to our pantry and available to any student or family who has a need. Three hundred thousand children are facing hunger in Michigan.

Manna regularly provides emergency food support to more than 100,000 people annually through food distribution efforts. I chose Manna because our school-sponsored pantry helps over 100 kids and families weekly. One hundred dollars goes a long way when ordering food through the project, and it will help many families here in Boyne City. I have a soft spot in my heart for this organization, as my mom runs our school pantry. With Manna's support, many kids in my school receive the support they need. Boyne City schools are Rambler proud of their school pantry.



PARTNER PROFILE PETOSKEY SUNSET ROTARY CLUB

Doug Krussel is currently the President of Sunset Rotary Petoskey, Michigan. Doug has a long-standing commitment to the many causes Rotary supports, including Manna Food Project.

Rotary members volunteer time monthly to support Manna's Food for Kids backpack program. So, on the second Wednesday of the month, we know that Manna can count on Sunset Rotary of Petoskey to spend time helping those in need and the countless children served.

Over the last year, Sunset Rotary has given 25 hours of service, all while packing about 750 boxes of backpacks for our school year and summer backpack program. This roughly adds to 25 pallets of backpacks completed over the last twelve months.

Thank you, Sunset Rotary! With this support, we are able to have 7,500 individual backpacks in our area. The need is out there, and we could not ask for a better partner than Sunset Rotary.



HOLIDAY GIVING

WE'VE REACHED OUT, YOU'VE RESPONDED!

Manna Food Project is gathering donations for holiday boxes to ensure our neighbors have plenty of good food. We sent out a request to the community, and six generous businesses offered to participate in holiday food drives. Please join in to help your neighbors in need this holiday season.



Sincere thanks to Lanzen Inc., 4Front Credit Union, Osborne Klein, Petoskey Public Library, Circuit Controls Corporation, and Parkside Deli for their support in organizing food drives at their locations.

Please contact Manna Food Project to get involved in your community. Every business is different; we are happy to customize an engagement plan for your organization.