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Manna Food Project is a 501©(3), non-profit food bank warehouse and food pantry. Since 1987 it has provided food to the needy. Today, Manna distributes surplus food to 37 pantries and agencies throughout Emmet, Charlevoix, and Antrim counties. The food bank acquires both food and non-food items from Second Harvest Gleaners Food Bank of West Michigan, Inc. of Grand Rapids for a small charge, and then makes the food available to the pantries in northern Michigan for a nominal fee. Pantries then pass this food along to families in need at no charge. Executive Director Kathy Hart, Tel. 231-347-8852

Leadership Little Traverse is a leadership training program to inspire individuals to participate in civic leadership roles by gaining an understanding of various sectors of the community while strengthening individual leadership skills for future community challenges. LLT is in its 9th year and the program is a cooperative effort of Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and Petoskey Regional chamber of Commerce. PRCC Executive Director Carlin Smith, Tel. 231-347-4150.

2008 LLT Members: Sherry Beck, Katie Bauer, Doug Craven, Renee DeYoung, Angela Dunstan, Jennifer Evans, Lisa Hoyt, Jaime Jankowski, Ellen Jenson, John Kingma, Brian Kozminski, Nils W. Lindwall, Geoff MacMurray, Kevin Putman, David Shuman and Jean Wilson.




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DID YOU KNOW?

One pound of food equates to one meal. Over 70,000 pounds of food (70,000 meals) are distributed from the Manna warehouse each month to area pantries and agencies.

 The food needs of this region are still not being met.

 The number of families using the services of the 37 pantry/agencies of Manna Food Project has increased from 20,681 in 2006 to 29,940 in 2007. The needs continue to grow each month.

 Agency use has INCREASED by 30%. Manna previously served 25 agencies and they now serve 37 throughout Emmet, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties.

 One full semi-truck of food is roughly 35,000 pounds and the cost averages \$2800.00. Currently, two truckloads arrive at Manna each month. Manna needs more space to be able to bring more truckloads into the warehouse each month to meet the needs of the pantry/agencies.

Based on these points, Manna's building needs to grow to be able to continue to increase the amount of food they share.



A larger warehouse area is needed to receive, organize and store the food. A larger freezer is needed to increase the amount of frozen food available and ease delivery of food into the warehouse.

The addition of a clean room will give Manna the space to repackage bulk food to make it easier for smaller pantries to handle. Many items are available in bulk packaging but the smaller pantries do not have the ability to repack.

The budget for the project is \$275,000. To-date, \$190,000 has been raised toward the project, with a matching grant from The Frey Foundation for \$30,000 available to Manna as soon as we reach \$220,000.



How can you help?

You can help financially... make a donation as an individual, or work with your colleagues and make a donation towards "Feeding Our Future" as a company. A contribution, no matter how big or small will help Manna Food Project get closer to the funds needed for this expansion. "Feeding Our Future" contribution envelopes are available. The Michigan Food Bank Tax Credit makes the donor's actual cost very small, thanks to tax savings. For example:

Married Itemizer:

\$400 Gift

-108 Savings from Federal Income Tax Deduction at 27%

-200 Savings from MI Food Bank Tax Credit

\$92 Donor's Actual cost

**Please check with your tax consultant for tax savings in your particular tax bracket.*

How Can You Help... Con't.

Single Itemizer:

\$200 Gift

-54 Savings from Federal

Income Tax Deduction at 27%

-100 Savings from MI Food Bank Tax Credit

\$46 Donor's Actual cost*

In the near future LLT will set up an online donation option. Also,

there will be upcoming events you can support simply by attending and participating. More details will be available soon. Call Lisa Hoyt 347-4150 to learn more.



You can help with food donations... Consider spending an extra \$5 when you visit the grocery store and you can donate those items to "Feeding Our Future". Or work with your colleagues to bring in food everyday for a month to the office. You will be amazed how quickly you can help. Special drop boxes will be set up in various locations and LLT participants will be happy to come pick-up the items. Specific needed items include: cereal, tuna, peanut butter, soups, canned fruits, canned vegetables and paper products. Call David Shuman at 439-5013 for more details.

You can help by volunteering...

Various jobs are available for anyone who has time to offer. Manna welcomes any and all assistance. Call 347-8852 for details.

Won't you please help support
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