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Manna Food Project chosen by Petoskey D&W Fresh Market during SpartanNash Foundation's companywide fundraising effort to provide hunger relief

100 percent of dollars raised Oct. 23-Nov. 3 will go to Manna Food Project

Manna Food Project is proud to partner with the SpartanNash Foundation during its retail scan campaign to provide hunger relief in the local community. Between Oct. 23 and Nov. 3, store guests who visit the Petoskey D&W Fresh Market will have the opportunity to donate \$1, \$5 or \$10 at any checkout lane, with 100 percent of dollars raised going directly to Manna Food Project.

"This checkout lane fundraiser is an easy, convenient way for community members to give whatever they can," said Kim Baker, executive director of Manna. "We're very grateful to SpartanNash for giving this opportunity to us and to other organizations."

Manna Food Project's mission is to help feed the hungry in Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet counties. Manna operates a food bank (distribution center), community food pantry, food rescue program, and the "Food 4 Kids" backpack program. Together with more than 50 partner agencies, Manna distributes more than 1.7 million pounds of food each year to thousands of households.

SpartanNash – which owns the D&W located at 1163 U.S. 31 North, Petoskey – underwrites the cost of the fundraising campaign so that all donations will benefit Manna and families in need in the local community.

"One in 6 people struggles with hunger, and as little as \$1 can provide up to four meals for those in need through Manna Food Project," said Meredith Gremel, SpartanNash vice president of corporate affairs and communications and executive director of the SpartanNash Foundation. "Each of our corporate-owned stores has hand-selected a partner pantry, so that we can work together to provide hunger relief in the communities where SpartanNash associates and our store guests live and work."

In 2018, \$278,105 was granted to more than 100 local food pantry partners through the SpartanNash Foundation's retail scan campaign to provide hunger relief. SpartanNash also donated more than 5 million pounds of product to community food pantries and local nonprofits through its corporate retail locations and distribution centers last year, in addition to financial support through the SpartanNash Foundation.

The hunger scan is the fourth scan campaign the SpartanNash Foundation will execute in 2019. To date, \$734,700 has been raised through the generosity of store guests and funds contributed by SpartanNash and the SpartanNash Foundation, benefitting local Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and patriotic partners.

SpartanNash distributes grocery products to independent and chain retailers in 50 states and its 158 corporate-owned retail stores; in addition to fresh produce distribution and fresh food processing. Through its MDV military division, SpartanNash is a leading distributor of grocery products to U.S. military commissaries around the world.

The SpartanNash Foundation is the charitable giving arm of SpartanNash. It is focused on providing financial support to nonprofit partners who align with its mission to end hunger, provide shelter and support our military heroes. To learn more about the SpartanNash Foundation, visit spartannash.com/foundation.

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