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STAFFORD'S TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY FUNDRAISER

Stafford Smith, owner of Stafford's Hospitality announces his company's participation in National Hunger Awareness Day, June 7, 2005. Stafford's will contribute 25% of the day's dinner revenues from its four dining establishments to benefit The Manna Project, a local charitable hunger-fighting organization serving Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

National Hunger Awareness Day is spearheaded by America's Second Harvest-The Nation's Food Bank Network. It is the nation's largest charitable hunger relief organization with a network of over 200 regional member food banks and rescue programs serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Coordinating local efforts, The Manna Food Project services 23 area food pantries and agencies and operates a food bank distribution warehouse. As of April 30, 2005, the Manna Project has distributed over 231,000 pounds of food to low income and food insecure northern Michigan residents.

Smith feels strongly about this annual fundraiser saying, "As a restaurant owner, I am keenly aware of how well off many of us are. Hunger relief is a cause that's very close to my heart and I'm happy to support the Manna Project and National Hunger Awareness Day any way I can."

Stafford's dining establishments participating in National Hunger Awareness Day are The Bay View Inn, Bay View; The Perry Hotel, Petoskey; The Pier Restaurant, Harbor Springs and The Weathervane Restaurant, Charlevoix.

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