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The people we work for...



... Compassion changes the ending of their stories.

December 23, 2015

Dear Mr. Sabio, President Freiler, Phil and Members of the CT Elks Association,

Thank you so much for choosing to bless our work with your generous donation of **\$675.00** to MACC Charities as recommended by our Manchester Lodge #1893. Your gift is so timely and most welcome. Times are hard for many people in our community which makes your support that much more meaningful. The Manchester Elks are a leader in charitable deeds in our community. We are so fortunate to have this compassionate and tireless group of men and women who care so deeply and work so hard to make a difference in the lives of people who need help.

It is hard to accept that one in six Connecticut Children (approximately 19 %) live in households that struggle against hunger. To bring that number closer to home, over 3,000 children (56%) of our children enrolled in Manchester Public Schools alone qualify for free or reduced schools lunches. Many of these families supplement their food budgets by eating in our kitchen and shopping at our pantry at least once a month and some have to shop once a week. Your support helps feed the hungry in our community as well as provide other basic needs while they work to get back on their feet from emergency situations such as loss of jobs, medical challenges or the crushing impact that poverty has over its victims.

Our Executive Chef (Ben Dubow) serves over 100 people a day in our Community Kitchen for just \$2 a meal. He is preparing nutritious and varied meals by combining seasonal, fresh produce and protein with good deals he has secured from food vendors and joining food rescue resources in our community to supplement our kitchen and pantry.

Celebrate the Good,



**Beth Stafford**  
Executive Director/CEO

*"No goods or services were given in exchange for this gift"*

*"MACC Charities provides food, clothing, outreach and advocacy services for the unmet basic needs of people in our community."*