



Dear Manhattan Chamber Member:

The Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Manhattan Food Pantry and St. Paul's United Church of Christ to raise awareness about the millions of people who go to bed hungry each day.

St. Paul's is sponsoring Manhattan's First Annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 4, starting at 1:30 pm. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

Together with the Manhattan Food Pantry, St. Paul's is hoping to receive food donations for the Church World Service, an international organization devoted to hunger relief efforts, as well as for our own Manhattan Food Pantry.



How can your business help?

The Chamber is asking our member businesses to decorate a cardboard box to raise awareness about hunger and place the box in their place of business for food donations. We ask that the fully decorated boxes be placed in your business the week of September 27th. It is hopeful that the boxes will be seen by many Manhattan residents who will donate food stuffs for this cause. A list of items needed by the Manhattan Food Pantry is attached should you wish to place the list on your box.

The Manhattan Food Pantry volunteers will judge each box on creativity and message content. The winner of the box decorating contest will receive an employee lunch pizza party worth \$50.00 sponsored by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce. All boxes will be picked up after the CROP Walk and their donated items and will be given to the Manhattan Food Pantry.

If you or any of your employees are also interested in supporting the CROP Walk by participating in the actual walk, I encourage you to contact Pastor Carol at St. Paul's United Church of Christ for a walk package (478-4900).

If you have any questions, or would like to enter the box decorating contest, please call the Chamber Office at 815-478-3811 or Chamber Vice President Dianne Huelsman at 815-478-6058.

Thank you for your participation and generosity,

The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce
St. Paul's United Church of Christ & The Manhattan Food Pantry

