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Free Food Distribution Offered Through Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank

Mankato, MN (January 5, 2021) – A free food distribution for those in need of food or newly struggling to make ends meet due to the COVID-19 crisis is being held Saturday, January 23 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Prairie Winds Middle School, 1200 Prairie Winds Drive, Mankato, Minnesota. The event is being hosted by Open Door Health Center and Minnesota Valley Action Council and is being funded by Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank.

More funds have been allocated to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). These funds will allow the food distribution events to continue through April 2021. The program provides vital assistance to producers of agricultural commodities and channels food to food banks, community, tribal, and faith-based organizations, and other non-profits serving Americans in need.

"This is a resource for the whole community and especially for those needing a little extra help right now," said Jayme Enamorado, Community Outreach Manager at Open Door Health Center. "If you are one of the many experiencing unexpected hardship due to the coronavirus crisis you are most welcome to participate in this program," she said.

Pre-packaged boxes of produce, dairy, and meat will be distributed safely through a drive-thru/curbside pick-up model. Food will be loaded into trunks by volunteers who will maintain social distance. No registration or paperwork is necessary and only basic demographic information will be asked of participants such as the ages of individuals in each household. No names, addresses, or other identifying information will be asked.

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About Open Door Health Center - Open Door Health Center is a non-profit community health center, providing quality affordable health care to everyone. The Open Door team has an unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for our patients and within our community. We do this by providing integrated health care services, regardless of the patient's ability to pay. With our cooperative, team-based approach, Open Door providers offer quality medical, dental, and behavioral health care all in one place. Open Door also offers insurance enrollment, legal assistance, and pharmacy services onsite at the main clinic in Mankato.