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## **Fustini's OILS & VINEGARS Celebrates One Delicious Decade in Petoskey - Donates \$1 Per Bottle to Manna Food Project**

***Starting May 8<sup>th</sup> Running Through September 15<sup>th</sup>***

**(Traverse City, MI)** – Fustini's Oils & Vinegars is giving back to the community that has given them so much over the past 10 years in downtown Petoskey. **In celebration of one delicious decade, Fustini's is donating \$1 for every bottle purchased this summer to Manna Food Project starting May 8<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>.** Manna is a non-profit organization that helps feed the hungry in Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties. Fustini's is proud to work with an organization that provides much needed services to individuals and families in need.

United Way's most recent ALICE report indicates that 43 percent of Michigan households continue to earn too little to provide for basic needs, and 12 percent of all families in Northwest Michigan continue to live at or below the poverty line.

To address this issue, Manna provides nearly 1.5 million pounds of low-cost food annually to 22 partner food pantries, 17 community meal sites, and 10 other agencies in our tri-county area. Together, they provide nutritious food for over 42,000 households each year. This effort helps free up household income so struggling families can

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**\$1 feeds 4\***  
\*\$1 covers the cost to provide 4 meals

pay for other essential needs, like rent and utilities, transportation, and health care.

“Fresh fruits, vegetables, and other healthy foods are often bypassed in the store because their cost is too great,” says Kim Baker, Manna’s executive director. “That’s why improving the quality and nutritional value of the food we distribute is one of our highest priorities. We want to make sure those in need have access to ingredients essential for a well-balanced diet.”

“We are so pleased to support Manna Food Project this summer with this fundraising project. Our mission is to improve community health through diet and nutrition, and I see so many ways that Manna's activities are perfectly aligned with our mission,” states Fustini’s owner, Jim Milligan.

Fustini’s is committed to partnering with non-profits such as Manna to help improve community health through diet and nutrition. Fustini’s is immensely grateful for the support that area communities have given them, and want to celebrate their success by giving back.

Fustini’s, an olive oil and balsamic vinegar tasting room, opened its doors first in Traverse City, Michigan, in 2008 and then opened on Howard Street in Petoskey in early June 2009. The business quickly grew, adding another two locations in Ann Arbor and Holland. Fustini’s has expanded their products and services to include pantry items, cookbooks, and a school of cooking. To learn more about Fustini’s or to purchase any of their holiday packages online, visit [www.fustinis.com](http://www.fustinis.com).

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