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LOCAL APPLE ORCHARD HOSTS U-PICK DAY BENEFITTING MANNA

Resort Gardens apple orchard on Resort Pike Road in Petoskey will be hosting a special Pick-your-own day on Saturday, October 24 benefitting The Manna Food Project of Harbor Springs.

In an effort to give back to the community, Resort Gardens has announced a Pick-your-own date where 30% of all proceeds will be donated directly to The Manna Food Project. The Pick-your-own event offers a great outing for visitors, families, and individuals. Those attending can choose from a variety of apples. The cost is \$10 per peck, \$40 per bushel for Honey Crisp and \$5 per peck, \$10 per bushel for all other varieties including Jonagold, Jonathan, and Fuji.

Resort Gardens is located at 940 Resort Pike Road in Petoskey and is owned by brothers James Hotchkiss of South Florida and Dr. Scott Hotchkiss of Petoskey. 2009 marks their first year of harvesting apples.

The Pick-your-own event supporting Manna will be held Saturday, October 24, 9am – 2pm. For additional information on Resort Gardens, please contact Scott Hotchkiss at 231-838-9000.

The Manna Food Project is a non-profit corporation operating as a food pantry and distribution warehouse. As a warehouse, the Manna Food Project distributes to 34 pantries throughout Emmet, Charlevoix, and Antrim Counties.

For additional information on becoming involved with The Manna Food Project, please visit their website at www.mannafoodproject.org.

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