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The Grand and Marathon County Hunger Coalition to Host Healthy Snack Drive

WAUSAU, WI – January 21, 2019 – For the second year, The Grand Theater, in partnership with the Marathon County Hunger Coalition, will host the “Raisin Great Kids” Healthy Snack Drive in The Grand Theater’s Great Hall prior to the February 8th performance of Manitowoc Minute’s Charlie Berens: Oh My Gosh!

Part of The Grand’s Community Engagement Series, this event encourages donations of raisins, fruit cups, nuts or seeds, applesauce, and other healthy snacks to be distributed to local school-based food pantries. Each item donated will earn audience members one entry ticket for a chance to win Manitowoc Minute merchandise. At last year’s Manitowoc Minute show, nearly two-hundred audience members donated!

Ticket-holders can drop off their donations in the Great Hall of The Grand before the show, from 6:30-7:30 PM on Friday, February 8. Community members who are not attending the show but still wish to donate can drop off items at The Grand’s Ticket Office from 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM on February 8.

The Marathon County Hunger Coalition is seeking snack- or individual-sized packages of non-perishable healthy snack items such as:

- Raisins/Craisins
- Other dried fruits
- Fruit cups (in real fruit juice)
- Granola bars
- Nuts or seeds
- “GoGo Squeez,” yogurt, or applesauce

The Marathon County Hunger Coalition, an initiative of United Way, works tirelessly to expand, identify, promote, and implement long-term sustainable solutions to the problem of hunger in our county. The Grand is excited to work with the Hunger Coalition for the second time to help improve food security in Marathon County, especially for our area's youth.

"We are happy to partner again with both the Marathon County Hunger Coalition and Charlie Berens to address hunger in our community," said Executive Director of The Grand Sean Wright. "We had such a fantastic response last year with nearly 200 donations and we know our patrons will give generously so we can reach our goal of 300 at this season's performance."

After the success of last year's healthy snack drive, Charlie Berens was very eager to participate in the project this time around, urging the community to get involved.

"Cripes, donate food real quick once! Remember when you were hungry? Dis is like dat," said Berens. "Donate der guys and not guys, and keep 'er movin'."

Very limited seating for the Manitowoc Minute's Charlie Berens: Oh My Gosh! show is still available. Tickets are available online at grandtheater.org, by phone at 715-842-0988, or at the Ticket Office at 401 N. Fourth St. in Downtown Wausau.

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