

2018 Distinctive Difference: **Pub 500**

Pub 500 is a place for gathering, featuring genuine hearty fare and liberating libations. Sitting in the heart of Mankato's Entertainment District, Pub 500 provides a warm welcoming environment for all. Pub 500 is proud of their great crew and how they treat others. As the nomination for Pub 500 states, "Philanthropy has been a lasting legacy of Pub 500 ownership. The employees and owners are in the business of giving in everything they do – from hosting meeting groups and catering fundraising events to creating events for local nonprofits." Some examples of their support include: Kiwanis Holiday Lights - donating food every year, Grow Mankato - raising funds & awareness for men's health, Mankato Safe Bar Initiative & having their staff trained, supporting high school and college sports, pregnancy tests available in restrooms, MOFAS - zero alcohol for nine months (promoting sobriety during pregnancy), YWCA Mankato programs and events, and this just names a few of the many."

The goal was to create an establishment that is fun for everyone to walk into, and their customers on social media speak to their success.

- "Great food and superior service!"
- "Great atmosphere, good food and excellent customer service."
- "Thank you! Great people, great food and the service is incredible. Best grownup bar in Mankato."

Starting as one of the first craft beer bars in the area in 2003, Pub 500 cherishes the relationships with local craft breweries and wineries. Pub 500 enjoys making friends one pint at a time.