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Manna and AIA Florida Northwest announce the 2021 PensaCan Award Winners

The annual event benefits the hungry served by Manna Food Bank

Pensacola, FL (October 11, 2021) – Last week, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Florida Northwest partnered with Manna again for this year’s PensaCan: Demolish Hunger, Design Hope. PensaCan is a competition where architectural firms and community amateurs create impressive structures made entirely out of full cans of food. Following a week-long display of the structures at Cordova Mall, all food structures were donated to Manna for distribution to the hungry of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

This year, Manna received 5,010 pounds of food from PensaCan participants. The donation will provide the equivalent of more than 5,230 healthy meals for neighbors in need.

The 2021 PensaCan structures included: CanBob CanPants by Dalrymple | Sallis Architecture, Canska by Goodwyn Mills Cawood, CANTopus by PRIME AE Group, and USS Fight Hunger by STOA Architects.

Before the team names of each structure were revealed, a panel of judges voted on various award categories. The final category, the People’s Choice Award, was voted on by the public October 1-8. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Florida Northwest and Manna are pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 PensaCan Awards:

- 2021 PensaCan Best Meal – USS Fight Hunger by STOA Architects
- 2021 PensaCan Best Use of Labels – CanBob CanPants by Dalrymple | Sallis Architecture
- 2021 PensaCan Structural Ingenuity – Canska by Goodwyn Mills Cawood
- 2021 PensaCan Jurors’ Favorite – Canska by Goodwyn Mills Cawood
- 2021 PensaCan Honorable Mention – CANTopus by PRIME AE Group
- 2021 PensaCan Best Video – USS Fight Hunger by STOA Architects
- 2021 PensaCan Most Valuable – Canska by Goodwyn Mills Cawood

Finally, the 2021 PensaCan People’s Choice Award goes to Goodwyn Mills Cawood.

The 2021 PensaCan judges were Greater Pensacola Chamber’s Liko Crump, Escambia County Sheriff’s Office Commander Andrew Hobbs, Pensacola Police Department’s Chief Eric Randall, Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson, and WEAR ABC 3’s Jared Willets.

PensaCan 2021 event sponsors include Bay Area Printing & Graphics Solutions, Inc., Berube Leonard LLC, Beyond the Grape, Biggs Construction Company, East Hill Building and Design, Fisher Cabinets, Hanto & Clarke General Contractors, HG Engineers, HH Building Group Inc., H.M. Yonge & Associates, Martelli Enterprises, ParsCo Construction, Ruby Electric, and Target.

For more information, please visit www.mannahelps.org/events/pensacan.

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About Manna

Manna's mission is to offer emergency food assistance, service the food-related needs of vulnerable populations, and engage the entire community in the fight against hunger. A local grassroots organization with no national affiliation or government funding, Manna provided food to 35,417 people last year. Manna operates a network of three emergency food distribution pantries and 13 specialty programs with 15 community partners in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

About AIA Florida Northwest

AIA Florida Northwest strives to provide members with services, activities and knowledge delivery to assist in maintaining the high standard of the architectural profession while encouraging public awareness and appreciation for architecture. For more information about AIA Florida Northwest, please visit www.aianwfl.com.