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AIA Florida Northwest's PensaCan 2022 now accepting build team registrations

The annual event benefits the hungry served by Manna Food Bank

Pensacola, FL (August 9, 2022) – Build team registrations are being accepted now for PensaCan 2022 – an event led by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Florida Northwest to fight hunger in our community. This year PensaCan will take place September 29 through October 7. Teams are strongly encouraged to register in August, though teams will be accepted through September 9.

PensaCan is a competition where local architectural firms, businesses, organizations, and amateur groups create impressive structures made entirely out of full cans of food that are then donated to Manna to feed the hungry in Northwest Florida. Businesses, organizations, civic clubs, schools, or any other groups are welcome to register their teams for PensaCan 2022! Build teams are encouraged to design food structures for display at Cordova Mall, however permissible off-site locations, such as offices, are also acceptable. Digital designs are welcome too.

Following a week-long display of the structures (and posters with images of digital designs and off-site builds) at Cordova Mall, all food is then donated to Manna for distribution to our hungry neighbors in need in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

A panel of judges will vote on the structures on Friday, September 30, in categories such as Best Nutrition Award, Best Graphics Award, Structural Ingenuity Award, and more. And, People's Choice Award votes will be accepted online at www.mannahelps.org September 30 - October 7.

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 31,014 people last year. Manna operates an emergency food assistance pantry and 16 specialty programs with 21 community partners in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.