



The Clover
Pick A Bowl
Fill A Bowl

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Manna's 2023 Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl fundraiser is less than two weeks away

Discounted pre-sale tickets available now

Pensacola, FL (March 6, 2023) – Manna Food Bank's only major annual fundraiser is less than two weeks away, and discounted pre-sale tickets are available now on the local nonprofit's website. The Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl is a unique event with an artsy twist that features the work of local artists and the fare of local vendors. The 2023 event will be held on Friday, March 17, from 6-8 p.m., at the Lou Ross Center of Pensacola State College.

Pre-sale tickets are \$50 apiece (\$60 day-of) and entitle the event-goer to their choice of a one-of-a-kind, handcrafted clay bowl thrown by a local potter, samples of some of the best soups in town, wine and beer (must be 21 or older), and a few new special features for 2023, as it is Manna's 40th year in service to the Northwest Florida community and the "Clover" event falls on St. Patrick's Day. Each ticket sold will provide 30 healthy meals for neighbors in need. All event proceeds support Manna's work through its emergency food assistance pantry and 17 food security programs with 22 community partners across Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

The event is made possible by the faculty, students, and friends of the Pensacola State College Visual Arts Department and First City Art Center.

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Restaurants and food vendors represented this year include Apple Market, Azalea Trace, Brother Fox, The Farm, The Grand Marlin, Khon's, Mr. Pollo, Nouveau Pastries and Catering, Panera, Pensacola Yacht Club, Scenic Hills Country Club, South Market, Whataburger, and more.

For event tickets and information, please visit www.mannahelps.org.

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About The Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl

The event was established in 2006 at Pensacola State College under the direction of Dona Usry, former Manna Guild Member and PSC Board Member; Krist Lien, District Department Head of the Visual Arts Department; Dr. Jim Martin, former PSC Vice President of Administration; and Bill Clover, Visual Arts Professor. For the first two years, the fundraiser was called Throw A Bowl, and guests were invited to make their own bowls under the guidance of the Visual Arts Department. In 2008, the fundraiser changed to two events - Pick A Bowl and Fill A Bowl – and in 2017, the two events became one, Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl. Professor Bill Clover, his students, other faculty members, and local artists from First City Arts Center contributed thousands of hours and created thousands of bowls for the events. In 2018, after Bill Clover passed away, the event was renamed The Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl in honor and memory of his commitment to the fundraiser that combines his passion for art and his dedication to the community.

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 69,095 people last year. Manna operates an emergency food distribution pantry and 17 specialty programs with 22 community partners in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.