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Nearly 200,000 pounds of food collected during the 2023 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Pensacola, FL (June 5, 2023) – Thanks to generous community donations and the hard work of local letter carriers, more than 191,000 pounds of food was collected on May 13th during the National Association of Letter Carriers’ 2023 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to benefit neighbors in need in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

Letter carriers in the two-county area collected 191,261 pounds of food – enough to provide the equivalent of 220,333 healthy meals to neighbors in need! This is the most successful National Association of Letter Carriers’ (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive for Escambia and Santa Rosa counties in more than a decade.

“Thanks to the generous support of our community, hundreds of thousands of healthy meals will be provided in the coming months to local children, senior citizens, veterans, families, and individuals who are struggling to put food on the table,” said Dede Flounlacker, Executive Director of Manna Food Pantries.

The donated food will benefit individuals and families struggling with food insecurity served by Manna, Feeding the Gulf Coast, ACTS Ministries, We Care Ministries, and Warrington Emergency Aid Center.

This was the 31st year for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Held annually on the second Saturday in May, Stamp Out Hunger is the largest, national, single-day effort to put food on the table for millions of Americans.

Various partners assisted the NALC in the food drive: the United States Postal Service, the National Rural Letter Carriers’ Association (NRLCA), the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), Valpak, United Way, the AFL-CIO, CVS, Kellogg’s and Vericast.

For more information about Manna, please visit MannaHelps.org.

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