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**The 16th Annual Fill the Mayflower food drive is November 17!**

**Pensacola, FL** (October 25, 2023) – The 16th Annual Fill the Mayflower food and funds drive – presented by Coastal Moving & Storage and benefitting Manna Food Bank – is November 17th. The public is invited to help Fill the Mayflower truck this Thanksgiving season with healthy food for children, families, senior citizens, veterans, and individuals in need right here in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

Coastal Moving & Storage and Manna, along with media partners Cat Country 98.7, NewsRadio 92.3, and WEAR ABC 3 News, invite the public to donate nonperishable food items and financial gifts on Friday, November 17, from 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Cordova Mall, 5100 North Ninth Avenue, Pensacola, between Red Lobster and Chili's, across from Sacred Heart Hospital.

Donating is easy, and supporters can remain safely in their vehicles! Volunteers will offload food donations from vehicles at the Mayflower truck, and accept monetary gifts (cash, credit/debit cards and checks accepted). A donation of just \$25.00 will provide food for five days to a child in need, and \$50.00 will provide 30 healthy meals for a senior citizen.

Manna's most needed food items are:

- Canned Fruit in 100% Juice (20 oz. and smaller)
- Canned Mixed Vegetables (16 oz. and smaller)
- Oatmeal (boxes of single-serve packets)
- Chicken and Tuna (12.5 oz. and smaller cans and pouches)
- Peanut Butter (1 lb. jars and individual cups)
- Microwaveable Dinners (e.g. Hormel Compleats)
- Canned Beans

Manna accepts and appreciates all nonperishable food donations. To ensure food safety, Manna cannot accept any rusty or unlabeled cans, perishable items, homemade items, noncommercial canned or packaged goods, alcoholic beverages, or items that have been used or opened.

Manna's Fill the Mayflower food drive plays a critical role in meeting the needs of the hungry in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Food collected at Fill the Mayflower will help Manna provide nutritious food to neighbors in need in the coming winter months.

Fill the Mayflower is made possible by Coastal Moving & Storage and media partners Cat Country 98.7, NewsRadio 92.3, and WEAR ABC 3 News.

For more information, please visit [www.mannahelps.org/events/fill-the-mayflower/](http://www.mannahelps.org/events/fill-the-mayflower/).

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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 24 community partners in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.