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Manna receives \$25,000 grant from Gulf Power Foundation

Pensacola, FL (October 16, 2020) – Manna Food Bank, Inc. recently received a \$25,000 grant from Gulf Power Foundation to support Manna’s Hurricane Sally recovery efforts.

“We’re so grateful for this generous gift from our friends at Gulf Power Foundation,” said Manna Executive Director DeDe Flounlacker. “We know that rebuilding and recovering from a natural disaster does not happen overnight. Thanks to this generous grant, 15,000 meals will be provided to our neighbors in need as our community recovers from Hurricane Sally.”

Since Hurricane Sally struck, Manna has shared food with 14 agencies also assisting in response and recovery efforts, including Pensacola Police Department, Pensacola Fire Department, Escambia County Fire Rescue, Pace Center for Girls, Community Health Northwest Florida, Waterfront Rescue Mission, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast, St. Vincent de Paul, Crown Church, New Hope Christian Center, Echo Life Church, Survivor Outreach Services (serving veterans), Richard’s Memorial, and Church on Wheels.

“Making landfall 16 years to the day that Hurricane Ivan devastated the area, Hurricane Sally has left many throughout our communities suffering, and the Gulf Power Foundation is honored to be able to help,” said Sandy Sims, executive director for the Gulf Power Foundation. “Our storm restoration team did an incredible job of getting the lights back on safely and quickly for our customers. But now begins the next phase of the recovery, getting life back to normal, and we are hopeful that our donations can help families that are continuing to feel the effects of Sally.”

For more information about Manna, please visit www.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 19,499 people last year. Manna operates a network of three emergency food distribution pantries and nine specialty programs with 10 community partners in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. For more information, please visit mannahelps.org.

About Gulf Power Foundation

The Gulf Power Foundation has operated for 30 years as an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, partnering and investing in communities throughout Northwest Florida. The Foundation is one of the region’s largest corporate foundations, funded entirely through resources independent of Gulf Power’s customers.