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**Publix Charities awards \$15,000 grant to Manna Food Bank**

**Pensacola, FL** (September 16, 2021) – Publix Super Markets Charities recently awarded a \$15,000 grant to Manna Food Bank in support of its programs and partnerships in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. The grant will fund the equivalent of 9,000 healthy meals that will be distributed to children, seniors, and families in Northwest Florida.

“This generous grant from Publix Charities will allow us to continue our work, providing nutritious food to our neighbors in need,” said DeDe Flounlacker, Manna Executive Director. “Publix is a wonderful, committed partner in the fight against hunger.”

The founder of Publix Super Markets, the late George Jenkins, believed in giving. In 1966, Jenkins established Publix Super Markets Charities with a commitment to meeting the basic needs of the communities Publix serves. On August 9, 2018, Publix announced the decision to donate \$5 million to more than 240 nonprofit organizations that focus on alleviating hunger. Over the past four years, the organization has donated more than \$17 million to hunger-related programs throughout the nation.

For more information, please visit [www.mannahelps.org](http://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 35,417 people last year. Manna operates a network of three emergency food distribution pantries and 13 specialty programs with 15 community partners in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.