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AIA Florida Northwest partners with Manna for PensaCan 2021
The annual event benefits the hungry served by Manna Food Bank

Pensacola, FL (September 30, 2021) – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Florida Northwest is partnering with Manna again for this year’s PensaCan: Demolish Hunger, Design Hope. PensaCan is a competition where architectural firms and community amateurs create impressive structures made entirely out of full cans of food. Following a week-long display of the structures at Cordova Mall, all food is then donated to Manna for distribution to the hungry of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

Each participant’s food structure will be displayed at Cordova Mall in the common area between Dillard’s and center court Friday, October 1 through Friday, October 8.

Through donations of food and financial gifts, PensaCan events have provided more than 36,000 healthy meals for those in need.

A panel of judges will vote on structures on Friday, October 1, in categories such as Best Meal Award, Best Use of Labels Award, Structural Ingenuity Award, Juror’s Favorite Award, Honorable Mention, and Best Video. The 2021 judges are Greater Pensacola Chamber’s Liko Crump, Escambia County Sheriff’s Office Commander Andrew Hobbs, Pensacola Police Department’s Chief Eric Randall, Pensacola Mayor Grover Robinson, and WEAR ABC 3’s Jared Willets.

The public may vote for the People’s Choice Award October 1-8 at www.mannahelps.org/vote.

Participating teams include Dalrymple | Sallis Architecture, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, PRIME AE Group, and STOA Architects.

PensaCan 2021 event sponsors include Bay Area Printing & Graphics Solutions, Inc., Berube Leonard LLC, Beyond the Grape, Biggs Construction Company, East Hill Building and Design, Fisher Cabinets, Hanto & Clarke General Contractors, HG Engineers, HH Building Group Inc., H.M. Yonge & Associates, Martelli Enterprises, ParsCo Construction, Ruby Electric, and Target.

For more information, please visit www.mannahelps.org/events/pensacan.

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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.

About AIA Florida Northwest

AIA Florida Northwest strives to provide members with services, activities and knowledge delivery to assist in maintaining the high standard of the architectural profession while encouraging public awareness and appreciation for architecture. For more information about AIA Florida Northwest, please visit www.aianwfl.com.