



*The Clover*  
**Pick A Bowl  
Fill A Bowl**

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**Manna Food Bank seeking sponsors for the 2022 Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl fundraiser**

Pensacola, FL (January 24, 2022) – Manna is seeking sponsors for the 2022 Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl – the nonprofit’s only annual major fundraiser. The Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl is a unique fundraiser with an artsy twist! It will be held on Friday, March 25, from 6-8 p.m., at the Lou Ross Center of Pensacola State College.

Sponsorship levels range from \$5,000 (the equivalent of providing 3,000 healthy meals for neighbors in need) to \$250 (150 healthy meals). All sponsorship opportunities include (at minimum) event tickets, recognition in the event program, and recognition in Manna’s e-newsletter (4,700+ subscribers).

The event is made possible by the faculty, students and friends of the Pensacola State College Visual Arts Department, First City Art Center, local artists, businesses, and vendors providing sponsorships and donations of art, food, beverages and other in-kind goods and services.

Every event ticket purchase includes a handcrafted bowl thrown by a local potter, as well as fare from 12-15 local restaurants and vendors. For each ticket sold, Manna will provide 24 healthy meals to neighbors in need. Ticket sales will open soon on Manna’s website.

For more information or to sponsor, please contact [melissa@mannahelps.org](mailto:melissa@mannahelps.org) or visit [www.mannahelps.org](http://www.mannahelps.org).

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**About The Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl**

The event was established in 2006 at Pensacola State College under the direction of Dona Usry, former Manna Guild Member and PSC Board Member; Krist Lien, District Department Head of the Visual Arts Department; Dr. Jim Martin, former PSC Vice President of Administration; and Bill Clover, Visual Arts Professor. For the first two years, the fundraiser was called Throw A Bowl, and guests were invited to make their own bowls under the guidance of the Visual Arts Department. In 2008, the fundraiser changed to two events - Pick A Bowl and Fill A Bowl – and in 2017, the two events became one, Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl. Professor Bill Clover, his students, other faculty members, and local artists from First City Arts Center contributed thousands of hours and created thousands of bowls for the events. In 2018, after Bill Clover passed away, the event was renamed The Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl in honor and memory of his commitment to the fundraiser that combines his passion for art and his dedication to the community.

**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 31,014 people last year. Manna operates a network of three emergency food distribution pantries and 17 specialty programs with 22 community partners in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.