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## 2022 Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl tickets sell out ahead of Manna's Friday fundraiser

Pensacola, FL (March 23, 2022) – Tickets for the 2022 Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl – Manna Food Bank's annual fundraiser – have sold out! For the first time in the event's 15-year history, the taste-testing event with an artsy twist will be at capacity thanks to the overwhelming generosity of sponsors and ticket-buyers. Funds raised support Manna's mission to feed the hungry of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

Each event ticket includes a handcrafted bowl thrown by a local potter, as well as fare from more than a dozen local restaurants/vendors, including Carrabba's Italian Grill, Classic City Catering, Culinary Productions Inc., Ever'man Cooperative Grocery and Café, The Farm, The Grand Marlin, Khon's on Palafox, The Lewis Bear Company, Mr. Pollo Pensacola, Nouveau Pastries & Catering, Republic National Distributing Company, Scenic Hills Country Club, South Market, and Whataburger.

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.

The 2022 Porcelain level event sponsors are Levin Rinke Realty, Margie and Alan Moore, Pensacola State College, and WEAR ABC 3.

For more information about Manna, please visit 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 an emergency food assistance pantry and 17 specialty programs with 22 community partners in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.