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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Manna's 2022 Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl raises more than \$53,000 to feed the hungry**

Pensacola, FL (March 29, 2022) – The 2022 Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl raised more than \$53,000 for Manna Food Bank – the most ever raised in the event's history – thanks to the generosity of several local sponsors, artists, restaurants/vendors, donors, and event attendees. Money raised will provide the equivalent of more than 32,000 healthy meals for hungry neighbors in need in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

“This event is Manna's largest fundraiser of the year and provides critical financial support for our organization,” said DeDe Flounlacker, Executive Director of Manna. “The pandemic forced us to cancel the Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl two years in a row, but the amazing support of our community made this year's event an overwhelming success! Their support makes it possible for Manna to continue providing healthy food to children, senior citizens, veterans, families, and individuals in need.”

The event was 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 that provided sponsorships and donations of art, food, beverages and other in-kind goods and services. Margie and Alan Moore, Levin Rinke Realty, Pensacola State College, and WEAR ABC 3 were the 2022 Porcelain level sponsors.

This year's restaurants and food vendors included Carrabba's Italian Grill, Classic City Catering, Culinary Productions, Ever'man Cooperative Grocery and Café, The Farm, The Grand Marlin, Khon's on Palafox, Mr. Pollo Pensacola, Nouveau Pastries & Catering, Scenic Hills Country Club, South Market, and Whataburger.

ADX Communications, Animal Tales, Pete Clark, Realtor – Levin Rinke Realty, Duncan McCall, Evergreen Printing and Mailing, First City Art Center, The Lewis Bear Company, Local Boyz Hawaiian Shave Ice, Merchants Paper Company, Pensacola State College, Republic National Distributing Company, and WEAR ABC 3 were the 2022 In-kind sponsors.

In 2018, the annual event was renamed in honor and memory of longtime supporter Bill Clover. Clover, a Pensacola State College Visual Arts professor for 52 years, was instrumental in starting and sustaining the 15-year event that has raised money to help thousands of hungry people.

“Clover was instrumental in starting this event for Manna and continuing its success all these years. Naming the event after him is our small way of honoring Clover for his love of our community and a way of celebrating his legacy for years to come,” said Flounlacker.

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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 Art 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.