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AIA Florida Northwest partners with Manna for PensaCan 2023
The annual event benefits the hungry served by Manna Food Bank

Pensacola, FL (September 20, 2023) – 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, September 22 through Friday, September 29.

Through donations of food and financial gifts, PensaCan events have provided more than 58,050 healthy meals for those in need.

A panel of judges will vote on structures on Friday, September 22, in categories such as Best Nutrition Award, Best Use of Graphics Award, Most Valuable Award, Structural Ingenuity Award, Juror’s Favorite Award, Honorable Mention, and Best Video Production.

The public may vote for the People’s Choice Award September 22 – 29 at www.mannahelps.org/vote.

Participating teams include Ascend Performance Materials, Bullock Tice Associates, DAG Architects, Dalrymple | Sallis Architecture, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, Landrum HR, Nemours Children’s Health, Pensacola High School Engineering Club, and STOA Architects.

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 69,095 people last year. Manna operates an emergency food assistance pantry and 17 specialty programs with 22 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.