



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

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The Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl event on September 6 will benefit Manna

Pensacola, FL (August 26, 2019) – Manna invites the community to join them in the fight against hunger at this unique fundraiser with an artsy twist! The Clover Pick A Bowl Fill A Bowl will be held on Friday, September 6, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Lou Ross Center of Pensacola State College. Tickets are \$40 apiece and can be purchased online at www.mannahelps.org. For each ticket sold, Manna will provide 24 healthy meals to neighbors in need.

Every ticket purchase includes a handcrafted bowl thrown by a local potter, as well as fare from 12 local restaurants. The evening will also include a raffle. Tickets will be available at \$5 for 5 tickets, \$10 for 12 tickets and \$20 for 30 tickets. The drawing will be held at 7:30 p.m., and guests must be present to win.

This year's restaurants and vendors include Azalea Trace – an ACTS Retirement Life Community, Classic City Catering, Culinary Productions, Ever'Man Cooperative Grocery and Cafe, The Grand Marlin, Marte Picker, Nouveau Pastries and Catering, Portabello Market, Pot Roast & Pinot, South Market, WEAR ABC 3 and Whataburger.

Animal Tales, First City Art Center, Michael Guillory, Jeweler's Trade Shop, The Lewis Bear Company, Merchants Paper Company, Pensacola Little Theatre, Pensacola State College, Republic National Distributors, University of West Florida, Vick's Cleaners and Vowells Printing are the 2019 in-kind donors.

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. Cat County 98.7/NewsRadio 92.3, Pensacola State College and WEAR ABC 3 are the 2019 Porcelain level sponsors.

Last year, 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 12-year event that has raised money to help thousands of hungry people.

To purchase a ticket or for more information, 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 13,533 people last year. Manna operates a network of three emergency food distribution pantries and nine specialty programs in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.