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AIA Florida Northwest partners with Manna for PensaCan 2018

Pensacola, FL (September 20, 2018) – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Florida Northwest will partner with Manna again this year for PensaCan – a competition where architectural firms create impressive structures made entirely out of full cans of food. Following a week-long display of the structures and voting, all food is then donated to Manna for distribution to the hungry of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. The event is hosted by Cordova Mall – A Simon Mall.

Food structures will be built at Cordova Mall in the common area between Dillard’s and Ross on Thursday, September 27, and will be on display through Friday, October 5.

“We are excited to again be a part of PensaCan,” said Scott Sallis, Dalrymple | Sallis Architecture Owner and Principal Architect, and AIA Florida Northwest Board President. “Member architects of AIA Florida Northwest are passionate about giving back to our community. PensaCan gives us the opportunity to use our skillset to support an important local issue: hunger.”

A panel of judges will vote on structures on Friday, September 28, at 11 a.m., in categories such as Best Meal Award, Best Use of Labels Award, Structural Ingenuity Award, Juror’s Favorite Award, and Honorable Mention. The 2018 judges are Pensacola Fire Chief Ginny Cranor, WEAR ABC 3’s Laura Hussey, and Cat Country 98.7’s Brent Lane. The public may vote for the People’s Choice Award September 28 through October 5 at www.mannahelps.org.

Participating architectural firms include Dalrymple | Sallis Architecture, STOA Architects, Bay Design Associates Architects, Sam Marshall Architects, Artisan’s Architecture, Quina Grundhoefer Architects and ASD|SKY.

In 2016, PensaCan raised 4,021 pounds of food and \$345, the equivalent of nearly 3,250 meals for the community.

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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 20,269 people last year. Manna operates a network of three emergency food distribution pantries and seven specialty programs and partnerships in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. For more information, please visit www.mannahelps.org.

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.