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### **Pensacola Blue Wahoos to host donut-themed jersey auction benefitting Manna**

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Pensacola Blue Wahoos will host a jersey auction benefitting Manna Food Pantries on Saturday, July 28, at 6:05 p.m. Proceeds from the one-of-a-kind, game-worn, autographed jerseys will support the emergency food assistance and specialty programs Manna offers in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties to neighbors in need.

The donut-covered jerseys were designed in conjunction with the Donut Strike Food Drive held in June – a combined effort of the Pensacola Police Department, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Pensacola Fire Department and Escambia County Fire Rescue to gather donations from the public while the first responders refrained from eating donuts until their donation goal was met. They succeeded with the equivalent of 34,707 pounds of food.

The jersey auction will be a silent auction from 5:00 p.m. at Blue Wahoos Stadium, 351 West Cedar Street, until the sixth inning. During the sixth inning, the auction will move to a live format. Auction winners may pay with cash, check or credit on-site. After the game has ended, each jersey winner will be invited on-field to receive their game-worn, autographed jersey from the Blue Wahoo players. Photo opportunities will be available.

Wahoo fans are also asked to bring nonperishable food items to the Saturday evening game. BUSH's® has teamed up with Minor League Baseball™ to beat hunger! Donations may be dropped in the collection boxes at the gates upon entry. The MiLB team with the biggest donation across the nation will receive a matching gift from BUSH's® - the Official Beans of Minor League Baseball. Manna's current most-needed items include canned fruit in 100% juice, canned chicken, canned tuna, rice (1lb.), oatmeal, grits, and single-serve fruits and vegetables with peel-off or pop-top lids.

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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. Visit [www.MannaHelps.org](http://www.MannaHelps.org) for more information.

#### **About the Pensacola Blue Wahoos**

The Pensacola Blue Wahoos are the Double-A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. The 2018 season is underway at beautiful Blue Wahoos Stadium on Pensacola Bay. Group packages, season tickets, mini plans and single-game tickets are available for the 2018 season by calling (850) 934-8444 or online. Follow the Blue Wahoos at [bluwahoos.com](http://bluwahoos.com), [facebook.com/PensacolaBlueWahoos](https://facebook.com/PensacolaBlueWahoos), and [twitter.com/BlueWahoosBBall](https://twitter.com/BlueWahoosBBall).