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### **Pen Air partners with Manna and First Responders to Collect 34,707 lbs. of Food**

Pensacola, FLA. (June 28, 2018) – On Wednesday, June 27, Manna Food Pantries announced the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Donut Strike to “arrest hunger” in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. The strike resulted in the equivalent of 34,000 lbs. of food or 26,030 meals. This was all collected during the three day drive held June 20 – 22 at local grocery stores.

The Donut Strike came together as a joint effort of the Pensacola Police Department, Escambia County Sheriff’s Office, Pensacola Fire Department, Escambia County Fire Rescue, local businesses, and the community to turn hunger into hope. With a front row view of hunger and the impact it has, first responders vowed to put the donuts down and do something to help, and the community stood behind their efforts.

“Thank you Pensacola for allowing us to put a light-hearted spirit on a very serious issue in helping us take care of our neighbors,” said Ginny Cranor, Pensacola Fire Chief.

In the spirit of Communerosity, Pen Air joined the efforts again to arrest hunger with a donation of \$5,000 towards the 30,000 lbs. goal.

“We understand that hunger is a real problem and we are humbled to stand in the gap with Manna to be a part of the solution and enhance lives,” said Stu Ramsey, President/CEO of Pen Air. “We are passionate about turning hunger into hope, and doing our part to ensure that our neighbors have the most basic need – nourishment.”

Community partners included: First City Church, Maynard’s Donuts, Pensacola Professional Fire Fighters 707, Studer Group, Calliope Films, Pen Air Federal Credit Union, Gulf Winds Federal Credit Union, Pensacola Egg Fest, Apple Market, Publix, Winn Dixie, Sam’s Club, and Greer’s.

**About Manna Food Pantries:** Manna is a local, grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting hunger in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Manna provides groceries directly to individuals and families in need. 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. All services are offered free of charge. Manna receives no government funding and has no national affiliation. Most of the funding comes from individuals, foundations, faith-based organizations, corporations, and businesses. Manna is nonsectarian, community focused and volunteer supported. Manna believes every person has a right to live free of hunger and to be treated with respect and dignity.

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