



MANNA

Serving the Communities of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties since 1983

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PENSACOLA, FL – Support your favorite Krewe and help feed the hungry in our community this Mardi Gras season! Krewe Karrus Navalis presents the **4th Annual All Krewe Food Drive Challenge** to benefit Manna Food Pantries on Sunday, February 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will be held at Pensacola Parade People, 331 W. Government Street in downtown Pensacola.

Your donation of healthy non-perishable food items will provide much needed food to the hungry in our area. Plus, you can help your favorite Krewe win the Humanitarian Award Trophy given to the Krewe who raises the most food. The event is free and open to the public. There will be food, drinks, games, and music on site for all to enjoy. MANNA's most needed food items include: peanut butter (16 oz. or less), canned chicken and tuna, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, 1 lb. bags of plain rice, pasta, and dried beans, and individually packaged plain oatmeal and grits. Specialized items needed for MANNA's student focused programs Tummy Bundle and Backpack4Teens include these **single serving** items: peanut butter cups, plastic cups of fruit in 100% juice, plastic cups of vegetables, cereal in bowl containers, tuna and chicken pouches/ kits, microwavable soups, and non-perishable microwavable dinners.

The need for MANNA in our community continues to grow, with 21,129 people helped last year. Those helped included 7,794 children and 5,661 senior citizens. For more information about MANNA, please call 850-432-2053 or visit our website MannaFoodPantries.org.

ABOUT MANNA: MANNA is a local grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting hunger in Escambia & Santa Rosa counties. Our 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. We are nonsectarian, community focused and volunteer supported. We do not discriminate based on race, religion, gender, orientation, age or infirmity in the operation of our services. All services are offered free of charge. A direct service provider to the hungry, we receive no government funding and have no national affiliation.