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**Gulf Winds Donates \$15,000 to MANNA during Fill the Mayflower**

**PENSACOLA, FLA** (November 22, 2016) – **Gulf Winds Federal Credit Union** continues its support for MANNA Food Pantries with a \$15,000 donation during the annual Fill the Mayflower event. Gulf Winds is committed to help MANNA fulfill its mission of feeding the hungry in our local communities.

“MANNA is dependent upon the generosity of donors like Gulf Winds to provide food to those that would not have it otherwise,” said MANNA Executive Director DeDe Flounlacker. “We are so grateful for the continued support because there are so many people and families in need.”

~~Gulf Winds is also a major supporter of capital campaign that was launched this year to help MANNA purchase and relocate to a new building.~~ “MANNA has been in our community for more than 30 years with an outstanding reputation for helping those in need.” said ~~Chris Rutledge~~ Jason Howard, Gulf Winds ~~President and CEO~~ Chief Financial Officer. “Gulf Winds is honored to be in a place where we can help MANNA with the mission to leave no one unfed. Our philosophy is “people helping people” and we believe in investing in our communities as it will have a positive and lasting impact for years to come.”

The donation was presented to DeDe by Gulf Winds ~~President and CEO~~Chief Financial Officer, Chris RutledgeJason Howard and Gulf Winds board members.

MANNA is a non-profit organization that has been serving Northwest Florida since 1982. They do not charge for their services and rely on contributions to complete their mission. Food is distributed through four pantries in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, plus a Healthy Senior Monthly Food Program at Westminster Village and a Backpack4Teens Program. MANNA has helped over 20,000 people in the last 12 months. Approximately 34% were children under the age of 18 and 28% were Senior Citizens, mostly 65+ years old. The main reason people cite needing help from MANNA is due to an unexpected expense.

If you would like to support MANNA, you can make a food donation (canned vegetables, canned meat, soups, canned fruit) at 116 E. Gonzalez Street, Pensacola, Fla. If you are able to make a monetary donation, please drop your support off at the MANNA office or online at [MannaFoodPantries.org](http://MannaFoodPantries.org).

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#### **About MANNA**

MANNA is a private, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to alleviating hunger in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. MANNA is nonsectarian, community-focused, volunteer-supported, and committed to the philosophy - "waste not, want not." MANNA was established in 1982 and designated the primary agency within the community to receive and store non-perishable foodstuffs donated from the community, and to redistribute the food to those from the community who have a legitimate, verifiable need. MANNA serves the communities of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, and has pantries in Pensacola, Cantonment, Jay and Milton. For more information, visit [www.MannaFoodPantries.org](http://www.MannaFoodPantries.org).

#### **About Gulf Winds**

Gulf Winds is a community financial institution serving members who live, work, worship and attend school in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla or Jefferson Counties, Fla. and Escambia County, Ala. Gulf Winds serves more than 56,000 members and has branch locations in Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, Milton, Tallahassee, Crawfordville, Atmore, Ala., and Brewton, Ala. and can be found on [GoGulfWinds.com](http://GoGulfWinds.com).