



Farm Credit of Northwest Florida Awards \$18,500 to Non-Profit(s) Improving Rural Communities

MARIANNA, Fla., Jan. 11, 2024 – Farm Credit of Northwest Florida announced a total of \$18,500 awarded to five organizations working to improve rural communities within the Florida Panhandle. One recipient was the Waterfront Rescue Mission located in Pensacola, FL, which started in 1949 as a refuge for wayward fishermen and has grown into full-service missions in two cities (Pensacola, FL and Mobile, AL) dedicated to helping lift people out of homelessness, poverty, and addiction.

Another recipient was Feeding the Gulf Coast with a Florida Panhandle Branch in Milton, FL. Feeding the Gulf Coast’s vision is a hunger-free central Gulf coast, by providing a wide variety of hunger-relief programs to nourish our communities and establish stronger, healthier families.



Rooted in Giving Donation Award to Andrew Brantley, Vice President of Finance of Waterfront Rescue Mission by Nominator Mike Digmon, Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, Chief Lending Officer.



Rooted in Giving Donation Award to Andrew Brantley, VP of Finance and Anna Goretski, Community Engagement Coordinator of Feeding the Gulf Coast by John Gregory, Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, CEO.

Other award recipients include Sleep in Heavenly Peace, the Monticello, FL chapter; Jackson County Jr. Cattlemen’s Association headquartered in Marianna, FL; and Second Harvest of the Big Bend headquartered in Tallahassee, FL.

“We are delighted to support these outstanding organizations and their work on behalf of the communities in the Pensacola area and surrounding counties,” said Farm Credit of Northwest Florida CEO John Gregory. “I am proud of our employees, who contribute donations that are matched by Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, to provide these staff-nominated awards to worthy recipients. Working together, we can help our communities remain strong and resilient.”

Additionally, food collected from the Farm Credit of Northwest Florida Food Drive was provided to Feeding the Gulf Coast and Second Harvest of the Big Bend, with the aim to help restock the shelves of area food banks after the Thanksgiving holiday and provide area families nutritious

meals.

This is the 9th year of the Rooted in Giving holiday awards, with more than \$104,000 in donations to assist organizations making our local communities better places to live.

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About Farm Credit of Northwest Florida

Farm Credit of Northwest Florida is a member-owned financial cooperative headquartered in Marianna, Fla., that serves 18 counties throughout the Florida panhandle. Farm Credit offers highly competitive credit to meet the financing needs of rural land and homeowners, farmers, and agribusinesses. For more information about the types of financing available or how cooperative lenders share their profits with borrowers, please visit www.GoRural.net.

