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## **Local Co-ops Work Together for Good with Meal In A Bag Donations To Feed Families In Need**

PENSACOLA, Fla. (November 9, 2017) – Starting now through November 17, donations can be made to the Ever'man Meal in a Bag program to help feed local families in need and support the MANNA Food Pantries. Each bag contains enough supplies to make a nutritious meal including organic beans, rice, pasta, canned goods, and natural Thanksgiving staples. The donation amount for the organic, nutritious products is discounted to \$20 and can be purchased at Ever'man Cooperative Grocery & Cafe (Ever'man), Member First Credit Union locations or online.

“This year, the Ever'man Meal in a Bag program has the benefit of our new partner, Members First Credit Union, another local co-op. In true cooperative spirit, we can make an even bigger impact working together,” said Ever'man General Manager, William Rolfs. “In addition, thanks to the product support of National Co+op Grocers (NCG) and Field Day, we are able to offer even more products in the Meal in a Bag for a donation amount of only \$20. This collaboration is just another way we are working to increase access to healthy, nutritious food and make the co-op an option for more people in the community.”

Donations are being accepted online or in person at several locations. To donate online, visit [everman.org](http://everman.org) news page for the link. Donate in person at Ever'man located at 315 W Garden St. or Member First locations in Pensacola: 251 West Garden St., 4240 W. Fairfield Dr., 7176 N. 9th Ave., 250 W. Airport Blvd. and in Pace: 5005 Hwy. 90.

“We are excited about the Meal in a Bag Program because it gives us an opportunity to demonstrate what credit unions are about – people helping people. Partnering with Ever'man shows two cooperatives working together to help local families in need. It is an honor to serve our community in this way,” said Caryl A. Greene, President/CEO, Members First Credit Union of FL.

Each Ever'man Meal in a Bag purchased in-store or online will remain at the Ever'man Store until after November 17 when they will be delivered directly to MANNA Food Pantries. Last year, the Ever'man Meal in a Bag program fed more than 170 local families and donated a total of 2,298 pounds of organic, nutritious food.

### **About Ever'man Cooperative Grocery & Cafe**

Ever'man Cooperative Grocery & Cafe (Ever'man), established as a local not-for-profit community natural food grocery in 1973, has over 12,000+ members. Ever'man has the region's largest selection of local, natural and organic products. Ever'man is member-focused, guided by cooperative principles and strives to provide the

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greater Gulf Coast area with education about health, nutrition, and environmental issues; access to healthy, natural foods and products at the lowest possible price; support for responsible, local agriculture and small business; an example of green business practices. Ever'man is a founding member of the National Co-op Grocers and a member of the Gulf Breeze, Pensacola, Perdido and African American Gulf Coast Chambers of Commerce. Operating as a local food cooperative, Ever'man has a stronger economic community impact through its support of local food systems, sustainable foods, employment benefits and environmental stewardship. Learn more about us, visit our About Us page, [everman.org/about/](http://everman.org/about/)

## **ABOUT MEMBERS FIRST CREDIT UNION OF FL**

Members First Credit Union of Florida is a full-service community credit union with five branches throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Membership is open to all who live, work or attend school in Escambia, Santa Rosa or Okaloosa Counties. For more information on Members First Credit Union, please visit [www.membersfirstfl.org/](http://www.membersfirstfl.org/) or call (850) 434-2211.

## **About National Co+op Grocers (NCG)**

National Co+op Grocers (NCG) is a business services cooperative for retail food co-ops located throughout the United States. We represent 148 food co-ops operating over 200 stores in 37 states with combined annual sales over \$2 billion and over 1.3 million consumer-owners. NCG helps unify natural food co-ops in order to optimize operational and marketing resources, strengthen purchasing power, and ultimately offer more value to natural food co-op owners and shoppers everywhere. [www.ncg.coop](http://www.ncg.coop)

## **About Field Day**

Field Day offers everyday low prices on many popular grocery and household items, from cooking oils to dry goods. We love Field Day because most of their food products are certified organic and made in the USA (some items may have imported ingredients). To be certified organic, a product can't contain GMOs, but for those products that are not certified organic, Field Day has made a commitment to non-GMO sourcing, as well. [www.fielddayproducts.com](http://www.fielddayproducts.com)

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