

## A thank you note from the Pine Tree Potters

On behalf of the Pine Tree Potters' Guild, I would like to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in the 2016 Empty Bowls event that took place on November 17 at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Empty Bowls events are held by potters in communities throughout North America with the objective to raise funds and awareness for local charities that work to relieve hunger and homelessness.

During the event, patrons select a handmade bowl from the hundreds on display and local chefs and bakers in attendance serve a ladle of their gourmet soup and artisan bread. The handmade bowl guests take home with them serves as a gentle reminder that not everyone has a full bowl every day.

Our event this year was another wonderful success, with tickets selling out for all three meal services. This year we raised over \$19,300 to be divided equally and donated to Aurora's Welcoming Arms and Inn From The Cold, Newmarket.

Cumulatively since our first event in 2010, Pine Tree Potters' Guild has raised over \$114,000 for local charities.

We wish to extend a heartfelt 'Thank You' to all of the local chefs and bakers who donated their time, gourmet soup and bread for all to enjoy; Meridian Credit Union for a very generous grant; Tucker's Pottery Supplies for donating the clay used by our potters for crafting the bowls; David Schembri Design and KKP Design and Print for donating our printed materials; and the Aurora Cultural Centre for all their support allowing us to host our event at their beautiful facility.

We also wish to thank Joy Gannicott, Dave Parsons and Sam Carothers for their contribution of great live music. Finally, we are so very grateful for all of our dedicated volunteers who donated their time and skills to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

The following is a list of the culinary establishments that participated in our 2016 Empty Bowls event:

Aqua Grill  
Aw Shucks  
Bijoy's Restaurant  
Catharina's Kitchen  
Chuck's Roadhouse  
Cookie It Up  
Dorio's Kettleby Italian Bakery  
Fishbone Kitchen and Bar  
Gabriel's Café  
Graystones Restaurant  
Hungry Brew Hops  
Joia Ristorante and Wine Bar  
King Richard's English Pub  
Kings Riding Golf Course  
La Brehandaise Catering  
Little Red Catering  
Longo's  
Maunder's Food Shop  
Michael-Angelo's  
Nature's Emporium  
Sobey's  
Taste it Catering  
The Hurst Bakery  
The Kitchen by Food in Motion  
The Pickle Barrel

Again, thank you so very much to all who participated. It is because of you that our event has been so successful year after year. Looking forward to 2017!

Jacqui Adamek,  
Chair, 2016 Empty Bowls Committee

Pine Tree Potters' Guild.