

Empty Bowls 2015: Soup and Bread ? Creating Hope

Empty Bowls events take place annually across North America and around the world in an effort to relieve homelessness and hunger. There is no Canadian city or town immune from the effects of homelessness and sadly this is not going to change any time soon. These events are a great example of the vibrant communities such as ours in action. This year, Pine Tree Potters' Guild hosted their 6th annual Empty Bowls event at the Aurora Cultural Centre to help raise funds to aid those in York Region.

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in the 2015 Empty Bowls Event held on November 19. Volunteers from our Guild, the community, Welcoming Arms and Inn from the Cold did a wonderful job with the many tasks relevant to our fundraiser. Particularly, we would like to thank the chefs, restaurants and caterers who donated and served their signature soups and the bakers who donated the delicious variety of breads for both the lunch and dinner servings; Meridian Credit Union and the Insurance Brokers of Ontario for generous grants, Tucker's Pottery Supplies for donating clay to make the bowls, and David Schembri Design.

We would also like to thank our musicians: Jude Wood, Steven Carrigan and Cache Trio.

Last, but not least, we would like to thank the members of Pine Tree Potters' Guild who made and donated over 400 soup bowls. As a lasting reminder about the poverty and hunger individuals face daily, each patron took home a keepsake of a beautiful hand crafted bowl which will serve to inspire guests to direct their efforts to help fill the empty bowls in our community and around the world. Overall, the event was an overwhelming success, raising over \$21,000 this year to be shared by Welcoming Arms and Inn from the Cold. Each year we have been able to increase the amount donated partially due to the generosity of those who donated to our Silent Auction and Charity Table as well as those attending the event. We are looking forward to the 2016 Empty Bowls Fundraiser, November 17, 2016.

The following generous restaurants, caterers and bakeries were instrumental in the success of our event and we cannot thank you enough:

Aw Shucks Seafood Bar
Bijoy's Restaurant
Catharina's Kitchen
Cobs Bread, Aurora
Dorio's Kettleby Italian Bakery
Gabriel's Café
Greystones Restaurant
Hungry Brew Hops
Joia Ristorante & Wine Bar
Kitchen By Food in Motion
King Richard's English Pub
King's Riding Golf Club
Lifestyles Catering
Little Red Catering
Maunder's Food Shop
Nature's Emporium
Sobey's Extra ? Aurora
Taste It Catering
The Pickle Barrel

Thank you again!

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