

Handmade bowls event to raise money for Pacific Pantry

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Don't miss Empty Bowls, a fundraising event scheduled for Dec. 14 from 4-7 p.m. at the Crescent City Cultural Center, 1001 Front St.

Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger at the community level. The event recruits local artisans to donate handmade bowls, which are then sold at a soup dinner to raise money for local hunger-fighting organizations.

Dinner guests offer a donation and then choose a handmade bowl to take home as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The Del Norte and Tribal Lands Community Food Council is utilizing the model to raise money for the Pacific Pantry and has acquired more than 150 artisan bowls for the fundraiser.

Tickets are \$20, which buys all-you-can-eat soup and bread, the choice of a handmade bowl to keep, music, dessert and a silent auction.

The dinner features a variety of soups and fresh-baked breads from local restaurants and community members, including Seaquake, Ocean 675, Good Harvest and Bellenotte.

Local artisans Harvey Munger, Mike Selfridge, Athena Csutoras, Mike Thompson, HSU Ceramics Lab, Fire Art Studios and others have donated hand-thrown ceramic bowls to support the cause.

Local thrift stores Maybe This Mall, Silva's Attic, the Purple Cat and the St. Vincent de Paul Society have pitched in to donate pieces of art they had in store.

Silent-auction items and experiences will include specialty pieces of art, cooking classes, a garden installation, fly-fishing lessons, a kayak trip and lunch with the Crescent City mayor.

Food program coordinator Andrea Lanctot said, "We have had artisans, restaurants, agencies and community members coming forward who really believe in the mission of Pacific Pantry, and have been working hard to make this event a success. We hope the community will join us in addressing hunger in Del Norte."

Empty Bowls is part of a multifaceted fundraising campaign to raise by the end of the year \$25,000 for Pacific Pantry, Del Norte County's only choice-food pantry. The Community Food Council has already raised \$22,800 in three weeks through donations from the Caldwell Clan, Wild Rivers Community Foundation, Humboldt Area Foundation, St. Joes Hospital and local donors.

If the event draws 150 people or more, the organization will hit its goal. Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empty-bowls-fundraising-dinner-tickets-82672578909>, at the Family Resource Center of the Redwoods at 494 Pacific Ave., or at the door.