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## 26th Annual Empty Bowls Event Helps Those In Need

The Dearborn Public Schools Art department is hosting the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Empty Bowls meal on Monday, Nov. 20, from 4-6:30 p.m. at Park Place Banquet Hall, 23400 Park Street, Dearborn, MI 48124.

For a suggested \$5 donation, guests who attend this family-friendly dinner will receive a one-ofa-kind handmade bowl and enjoy a serving of tasty soup and bread. The bowls are made by students in kindergarten through high school who attend Dearborn Public Schools.

Donations will support Gleaners Food Bank and Blessings in a Backpack, local charities that help feed the hungry. Guests can take their bowls home as a reminder of all those who go hungry each day.

A variety of soups will be available, including vegetarian and gluten free, at this simple meal of soup and bread to fight hunger. A tin can raffle also will be held.

No reservations are required, but those who arrive early will get first choice from all of the unique bowls made and donated by students and teachers in the Dearborn Public Schools.

"This is our 26th annual Empty Bowls dinner. The art department is very proud of this event and the thousands of dollars we have raised over the years to help those in need," said Dearborn Public Schools Art Resource Teacher Susan Briggs. "I'd like to thank students who make the bowls and both current and retired Dearborn teachers for all of their help and hard work to make Empty Bowls so successful."

The annual Empty Bowls charity event is hosted by the Dearborn Public Schools Art Department and Park Place Banquets & Catering with support from Starbucks of west Dearborn, Sattva Yoga Center, Blick, Motawi Tileworks, Rovin Ceramic and Star Bakery of Oak Park.

For more information about the Empty Bowls event, contact Dearborn Public Schools Art Resource Teacher Susan Briggs, at 313-580-0960 or <u>briggss@dearbornschools.org.</u>

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## Photo caption "PR 9A Empty Bowls Miller Students"

Students in Dearborn Public Schools make bowls that are given to those who attend the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser to raise funds for Gleaners Food Bank and Blessings in a Backpack. This year's family-friendly dinner event will be held on place on Monday, Nov. 20, 4-6:30 p.m. at Park Place Banquet Hall, 23400 Park Street, Dearborn, MI 48124. For a suggested \$5 donation, guests who attend this family-friendly dinner will receive a one-of-a-kind handmade bowl and enjoy a serving of tasty soup and bread. In the photo, students at Miller Elementary prepared for the 2016 Empty Bowls dinner.

## Photo caption "PR 9B Family at Empty Bowls 2016"

The Dearborn Public Schools Art department is hosting the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Empty Bowls fundraiser for Gleaners Food Bank and Blessings in a Backpack on Monday, Nov. 20. The dinner will take place 4-6:30 p.m. at Park Place Banquet Hall, 23400 Park Street, Dearborn, MI 48124. For a suggested \$5 donation, guests who attend this family-friendly event will receive a one-of-a-kind handmade bowl and enjoy a serving of tasty soup and bread. In the photo, a family enjoys soup at the 2016 Empty Bowls fundraiser.

<u>Photo caption "PR 9C Empty Bowls 2016 Former Art Dept Chairs Kate Blair Wendy Sample"</u> Current and retired teachers in the Dearborn Public Schools Art department will the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Empty Bowls fundraiser for Gleaners Food Bank and Blessings in a Backpack on Monday, Nov. 20. The dinner will take place 4-6:30 p.m. at Park Place Banquet Hall, 23400 Park Street, Dearborn, MI 48124. For a suggested \$5 donation, guests who attend this family-friendly event will receive a one-of-a-kind handmade bowl and enjoy a serving of tasty soup and bread. In the photo, former Art Department Chairs Kate Blair and Wendy Sample with a loaf of bread available for sale at last year's Empty Bowls fundraiser.

## Photo caption "PR 9D Empty Bowls Table"

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