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Empty Bowls positioned to serve soup to nearly 1,900

Event benefits the Food Bank, Just Harvest

Duquesne, PA (February, 2024) – Slated for Sunday, April 7, this year’s Empty Bowls event will serve up a community meal to nearly 1,900 people in an effort to help end hunger across the region. Taking place at Rodef Shalom Congregation in Oakland, the 27th Annual event will offer a simple meal of soup and bread benefiting Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) and Just Harvest. In addition to the meal, attendees will select a ceramic bowl made by local artisans and students to take home as a reminder of our neighbors facing hunger.

“Neighbors across our region are struggling to make ends meet as grocery prices hit an uncomfortable high,” shared Lisa Scales, president and CEO of the Food Bank. “Through the Empty Bowls event we hope to bring the community together to provide much needed support for our neighbors.”

Just like last year, the event will have three dine-in seatings, a soup & bowl takeout option, and the opportunity to purchase soup-to-go. Tickets will be \$25 ahead and \$30 at the door. Children under the age of three can enter the event without a ticket.

Each seating will accommodate 500 dine-in guests and 125 Soup & Bowl Takeout guests. Seating times for the event are 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

“Food justice takes all of us,” said Ken Regal, Executive Director of Just Harvest. “For over a quarter of a century, Empty Bowls has been a shining example of how our community works together to build a future without hunger.”

Ceramic bowls and pottery for auction have been donated by local ceramicists, schools from elementary to college and community arts organizations. Soup is donated by dozens of restaurants and caterers throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area.

Tickets are now on sale at pittsburghfoodbank.org/emptybowls and are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

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